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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. TOLSON

DATE: December 8, 1952

FROM : W. R. GLAVIN

SUBJECT: WAR PLANS - EVACUATION
ADMINISTRATIVE DIVISION

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Bureau Auxiliary SPACE FOR S.O.G.

In connection with plans for evacuation of headquarters the following Agent Supervisors in the Administrative Division have been assigned the responsibility of maintaining contact with and taking care of the needs of the families of the employees in your office, who are to be evacuated to our relocation site:

EMPLOYEES TO BE EVACUATED

JOHN P. MOHR

R. C. GRESHAM (children of Mr. Gresham)

G. C. GEARTY

SUPERVISOR DESIGNATED TO MAINTAIN CONTACT WITH FAMILY

W. E. Leishear

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F. D. Hereford

W. S. Hyde

L. J. Gauthier

C. A. Harris

W. S. Tavel

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E. Leishear; W. S. Hyde; F. D. Hereford; L. J. Gauthier;
C. A. Harris; and W. S. Tavel (sent direct)

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : The Director

DATE: December 5, 1952

FROM : W. R. Glavin

SUBJECT: WAR PLANS - EVACUATION
ADMINISTRATIVE DIVISIONAuxiliary Space For S.O.G.

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In connection with plans for evacuation of headquarters, the following Agent Supervisor in the Administrative Division has been assigned the responsibility of maintaining contact with and taking care of the needs of the family of Inspector Frank C. Holloman living at [redacted] telephone [redacted]

Special Agent W. E. Leishear

Telephone - [redacted]

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Any changes in addresses, telephone numbers, deletions or additions of new employees assigned to the Director's Office that are called to the attention of the Administrative Division will be immediately incorporated in our plans.

cc: W. E. Leishear (sent direct) ✓

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. GLAVIN *ce*

DATE: December 17, 1952

FROM : L. J. GADYER *ljg*

SUBJECT: AERIAL PHOTOGRAPHS
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Bureau War Plans Auxiliary SPACE FOR S.O.G.

There are being forwarded to the files, six aerial photographs of the Chrysler Estate located in Fauquier County near the town of Warrenton, Virginia. These photographs, consisting of two each photos #DJD-5G-46, #DJD-4G-27 and #DJD-4G-82, are being forwarded for reference purposes.

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SAC, Pittsburgh.

December 9, 1952

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Director, FBI (66-17380)

BUREAU WAR PLANS
WEST VIRGINIA LICENSE PLATES

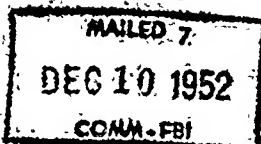
ReBulet 11-4-52 and urlet 11-21-52 concerning the obtaining of a set of West Virginia license plates for a passenger vehicle. It is desired that the plates be obtained for the following described vehicle:

1952 Ford 4 door sedan
model #A2
engine #A2CS-117720.

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NOTE: The above was obtained from [redacted] of the Chief Clerk's office and pertains to automobile B8.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI-(66-17380)

DATE: 11-21-52

FROM : SAC, Pittsburgh

SUBJECT: WEST VIRGINIA LICENSE PLATES.

Bureau War Plans Auxiliary SPACE FOR S.O.G.

Rebulet 11-4-52, requesting that a set of West Virginia license plates for a passenger vehicle be obtained and forwarded to the Bureau.

It is to be noted that in order to obtain such license plates it will be necessary to furnish a description of a car on which the plates will be used. It is further noted that these plates may thereafter be used on any car.

In view of the above it is requested that the Bureau furnish this office with descriptive data regarding a car on which it is contemplated the West Virginia license plates will be used.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Tolson

DATE: 12/15/52

FROM : H. H. Clegg

SUBJECT: WAR PLANS - EVACUATION

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Bureau War Plans Auxiliary SPACE FOR S.O.G.

Reference is made to my memorandum dated 11/13/52 indicating the status of the items being considered in connection with the possible evacuation from Washington.

All items have been completed with the exception of the following:

1. Communications

[] of the Administrative Division has advised that the Motorola Company has delivered all of the micro-wave equipment which will link the critical agencies in their evacuation quarters.

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Mr. Parsons of the Laboratory has advised that the survey has been made to locate a suitable site on which to place this equipment. All sites within a radius of one mile from evacuation quarters have been eliminated for various reasons. He has made arrangements with the New York Office to recontact one of the owners of the Potts Estate, where we had originally planned to locate the equipment, to determine if she is now agreeable to giving a lease for the use of the Estate to locate this equipment. This matter is being handled by the Laboratory.

2. First Aid

First aid training classes at the Seat of Government have been abolished for the rest of the fiscal year as an economy measure.

cc: Mr. Harbo
Mr. Glavin

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December 24, 1952

66-17381-201
Major General Carl R. Gray, Jr.
Administrator
Veterans Administration
Washington, D. C.

Dear General Gray:

Recently Special Agent John L. Quigley of this Bureau spoke with you concerning the possibility of obtaining storage facilities for the Federal Bureau of Investigation located within a reasonable distance of Washington, D. C. where field operating equipment can be securely maintained.

Pursuant to your thoughtful suggestion to Agent Quigley, the following information has been prepared by our technical staff:

LOCATION - Newton D. Baker Veterans Administration Center, Martinsburg, West Virginia.

TOTAL SPACE REQUIRED - 2,000 square feet.

TOTAL WEIGHT - Approximately 100,000 pounds.

COMPONENT DESCRIPTION - Equipment is packed in crates some of which weigh in excess of 2,000 pounds. The smallest dimension of the wooden crates involved measure 30 inches. The character of the equipment contained within the crates is such that a comparatively dry storage condition must exist at all times.

REMARKS - Due to the weight and size of the crates, it appears that space on the ground floor will suffice in the event elevator facilities and oversized doors are not available to handle this type of freight service to upper floors.

I do want you to know how much I appreciate your efforts in assisting me to solve our problem at an early date.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Harbo *hb*
 FROM : I. W. Conrad *IWC*
 SUBJECT: WAR PLANS
 STORAGE SPACE AT VA CENTER NEAR SHEPHERDSTOWN

DATE: December 16, 1952

SYNOPSIS *Bureau War Plans Auxiliary space for S.O.G.*

Approximately 2000 sq. ft. of storage space capable of supporting approximately 100,000 pounds of equipment will be needed. Equipment includes individual crates weighing over 2300 pounds making ground floor space or adequate freight elevator facilities necessary. Equipment also includes crate with smallest dimension of 50 inches necessitating space with over size door. Equipment delivered as of this date requires approximately 300 sq. ft. of space and weighs approximately 15,000 pounds. Bulk of remainder should be delivered within 30 to 60 days.

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REFERENCE

Re memo Mr. Keay to Mr. Belmont dated 12-12-52.

DETAILS

Reference memo indicates need for information as to approximate size and weight of material to be stored at the Newton D. Baker VA Center near Shepherdstown, West Virginia.

Approximately 2000 sq. ft. of storage space capable of supporting approximately 100,000 pounds of equipment is needed. It is pointed out that some of the crates weigh in excess of 2000 pounds each which makes it necessary either that the space be located on the ground floor or that adequate freight elevator facilities are available. It is further pointed out that some of the individual crates are rather large, for example the smallest dimension of one transmitter crate is 50" which means that selected space must have over size doors to allow moving the equipment in and out.

All the equipment has not been received; however, estimated delivery dates indicate that the bulk of the remainder should be delivered within another 30 to 60 days. The equipment on hand as of this date requires approximately 300 sq. ft. of space and weighs approximately 15,000 pounds. *1503*

RECOMMENDATION

That this memo be referred to the Administrative Division for assistance in negotiating for storage space at the Newton D. Baker VA Center near Shepherdstown, West Virginia.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. GRAVEN

FROM : L. J. MAUTHIER

DATE: 12/23/52

SUBJECT: RELOCATION SITE PLANS

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0 Bureau War Plans Auxiliary Space for S.O.G.

SYNOPSIS

Possibility of arranging with the Veterans' Administration through General Carl R. Gray, Jr., Administrator, for suitable storage space for emergency radio equipment at the Newton D. Baker VA Center in the vicinity of Martinsburg, West Virginia.

BACKGROUND

General Gray has requested a formal communication from the Bureau, stating therein the location, amount of space required, and approximate size and weight of materials to be stored.

DETAILS

As you know, the security afforded our plans for relocation of our activities in the event of an emergency is classified as top secret. The knowledge at this time of limited information concerning storage space, even in the possession of the Veterans Administration, may jeopardize the over-all plans of the White House for relocating other key critical agencies. It is believed necessary that any formal written request made of General Gray be very circumspect concerning the need for storage space in the general vicinity of Shepherdstown, West Virginia, which is our designated relocation site. It is felt that the attached letter to General Gray should be delivered to him personally, at which time he should be advised that any arrangements made concerning storage should be held in strict confidence by those under his jurisdiction who may be responsible to carry out the details of this matter. Adequate security measures which can be followed by the Veterans Administration and the Bureau concerning the storage of this material should be discussed with the General.

RECOMMENDATION

That the attached letter be approved and forwarded directly to General Gray through our Liaison Section.

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Attachment

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : A. H. BELMONT *AB*

DATE: December 12, 1952

FROM : V. P. KEAY *VPK*

SUBJECT: WAR PLANS

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SYNOPSIS:*Bureau War Plans Auxiliary Space For S.O.G.*

General Gray, Veterans' Administration (VA), advised space at Newton D. Baker VA Center vicinity Martinsburg, West Virginia, would be available to Bureau for storage of emergency Bureau equipment. However, was desirous of having a formal letter making such request which should include details as to exact location and amount of space needed together with approximate size and weight of materials to be stored. Recommendation: For your information and referral to Laboratory Division for action.

DETAILS:

Reference is made to Mr. Conrad's memorandum of December 1, 1952, to Mr. Harbo concerning the obtaining of storage space at the Newton D. Baker VA Center in the vicinity of Martinsburg, West Virginia.

Mr. Quigley of the Liaison Section contacted General Carl R. Gray, Jr., Administrator, VA, on December 9, 1952, concerning this matter. He advised that he would make such space available to the Bureau for storage of emergency equipment. However, he would like to have a formal communication making such a request which should state specifically the location and amount of space needed together with the approximate size and weight of the materials to be stored in order that his staff could determine if the space selected could hold such weight.

RECOMMENDATION:

For your information and referral to the Laboratory Division for action.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: 11/19/52

FROM : SAC, Pittsburgh

Attention: FBI Laboratory

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SUBJECT: WAR PLANS

Mr. Tolson _____
Mr. Ladd _____
Mr. Nichols _____
Mr. Belmont _____
Mr. Clegg _____
Mr. Glavin _____
Mr. Harbo _____
Mr. Rosen _____
Mr. Tracy _____
Mr. E. A. Tamm _____
Mr. Mohr _____
Mr. Winterrowd _____
Tele. Room _____
Mr. Holloman _____
Miss Gandy _____

Rebureau dated 11/5/52.

SA WILLIAM J. KUBASTA, Resident Agent at Martinsburg, W. Va., made the following inquiries:

It was discreetly ascertained from [redacted] U. S. Post Office and Federal Building, Martinsburg, W. Va., in which building the Martinsburg Resident Agency is located, that there are two available store rooms located on the fourth floor and additional space is available in the attic of this building for storage purposes. Inspection of the available space disclosed that the two store rooms located on the fourth floor are approximately 18 by 30 feet each. Additional space of about 40 by 35 feet is available in the attic, but this room must be kept available for building use for storage and also to permit employees to raise and lower the American flag. As a matter of information, the elevator in this building runs only to the third floor which would necessitate carrying the equipment approximately 20 steps to the fourth floor and an additional 6 steps to the attic, if utilized. The ceilings in the two available store rooms are approximately 15 feet high.

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No contact was made with [redacted] Postmaster, since he bears the reputation of being very inquisitive, and his reliability may be subject to question. It is rumored that with the change of administration he may be removed from office.

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Located only 4½ miles directly east of Martinsburg, W. Va., on State Route No. 9, between Martinsburg and Charles Town, W. Va., is the Newton D. Baker V. A. Center. At the present time there are many wards closed up and from conversation with [redacted] Newton D. Baker V. A. Center, additional wards will be closed in the near future due to a decrease in the Veterans Administration appropriation. From a standpoint of moving and handling bulky equipment, the V. A. Center would make a more convenient storage location.

There are no other Federally owned buildings in the eastern section of West Virginia near Martinsburg, which would be suitable for storage due to their size. However, the Bureau's attention is called to the fact that the States of Maryland and Virginia surround the Martinsburg section of West Virginia. Hagerstown, Maryland, and Winchester, Virginia, which both have Federal Buildings, may have available space, and are both located approximately 22 miles from Martinsburg, W. Va.

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Bureau War Plans Auxiliary Space For S.O.G.

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Harbo *RB*FROM : Mr. Conrad *JWC*

DATE: December 1, 1952

SUBJECT: WAR PLANS

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Reference is made to the attached letter from SAC Pittsburgh setting forth the results of discreet inquiry by the Resident Agent at Martinsburg, W. Va. concerning the availability of storage space for emergency radio equipment in the vicinity of Shepherdstown, W. Va.

It is believed that the available space in the Post Office would be unsuitable due to the lack of elevator service, in view of the fact that much of the equipment to be stored consists of crates weighing 2 or 3 thousand pounds.

It appears that space at the Newton D. Baker Veterans Administration Center would serve the purpose very well and from the information available to the Radio & Electrical Section it would appear desirable to try to make the necessary arrangements to utilize the available space for storage of our emergency equipment.

RECOMMENDATION:

Unless some policy reason exists to the contrary, it is recommended that the Chief Clerk's Office enter into negotiations with the Veterans Administration to secure storage space for radio equipment for the emergency headquarters at Shepherdstown.

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ADDENDUM - 12/5/52

The Executives Conference of December 4, 1952, consisting of Messrs. Tolson, Holloman, Gearty, Clegg, Nichols, Ladd, Laughlin, Mohr, Rosen, Tracy, and Glavin recommended that the appropriate contact be made through liaison with the Veterans Administration to determine whether storage space could be secured for the material in question at the Newton D. Baker Veterans Administration Center on State Route #9 between Martinsburg and Charles Town, West Virginia.

W. R. Glavin/gt

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Bureau War Plans Auxiliary Space for S.O.C.

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (66-17380)

DATE: December 22, 1952

FROM : SAC, PITTSBURGH

ATTENTION: FBI LABORATORY

REGISTERED MAILSUBJECT: BUREAU WAR PLANS Auxiliary SPACE FOR S.O.G.
WEST VIRGINIA LICENSE PLATES

Reurlets 11/4/52 and 12/9/52.

Attached hereto is West Virginia license number 352-858 for the use of the Bureau. This license plate was obtained through a fictitious registration at the West Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles and the true owner is known only to the Deputy Commissioner of Motor Vehicles and Bureau employees. The fictitious registration card is being maintained in the Pittsburgh Office so that a renewal plate can be obtained when there is a change in plate at the end of this fiscal year.

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Enclosure detached & retained in Radio Section of Sub. No action. 1-5-52 aje

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Harbo

DATE: December 5, 1952

FROM : Mr. Conrad

SUBJECT: BUREAU WAR PLANS. *Emergency Headquarters S.O.G.*
CRITICAL AGENCIES MICROWAVE NETWORK

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SYNOPSIS

Logical sites for immediate installation of microwave station in close proximity to our alternate headquarters at Shepherdstown have been eliminated as unusable, and to install the microwave facilities at this time would necessitate obtaining a site approximately a mile or more from Shepherd's College. This would require running telephone cables from the microwave site to the college which in terms of distance would be a substantial percentage of the eight mile path from Shepherdstown to the microwave terminal point near Sharpsburg. Since the entire plant at Shepherdstown is not on an occupied or "ready" basis it is recommended that the microwave equipment be held in storage until an actual emergency occurs and that 4 telephone lines be leased from our switchboard at Shepherd's College to the microwave terminal near Sharpsburg. It is pointed out that it would take from a few weeks to 60 days to install the microwave equipment; however, the leased lines would give us limited access to the microwave network immediately upon setting up headquarters at Shepherdstown. The relative advantages and disadvantages of the proposal are set forth hereinafter in detail for consideration.

REFERENCE

Reference my memo to you dated 11/12/52.

BACKGROUND

The referenced memorandum pointed out that the school property itself which represented the number one choice for our microwave station was not available since college authorities are not willing to permit such an installation. It was pointed out further that the number

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two choice, the Potts estate, was likewise unavailable in view of the position taken by co-owner [redacted]. The number three choice, a high ridge of ground in an apple orchard belonging to a Mr. E. Lee Goldsborough is considered eliminated also due to security reasons. A check of our files reveals that Mr. Goldsborough's [redacted] who resides on the property was on friendly terms with Duncan Lee, a principal subject in the Silvermaster Case and presently the subject of an espionage investigation. This situation is being treated separately in another memorandum. b6 b7C

DETAILS

Since all the logical sites within close proximity have been eliminated as unusable, it appears that in order to install the microwave facilities at this time it would be necessary to obtain a site approximately a mile or more from Shepherd's College. Inasmuch as the operations point at the college must be connected to the microwave equipment by means of two leased 26 pair telephone cables this would mean that the cable run would be not only an expensive proposition but also a substantial portion of the distance from the relocation center to the microwave terminal at Sharpsburg which is approximately 8 miles. It is pointed out that the reason for the microwave system is to eliminate the necessity for depending on telephone cables which is considered more vulnerable to enemy action than radio signals.

In view of this situation, coupled with the fact that the entire plant at Shepherdstown is in a "storage" status rather than a "ready-to-go" condition, it appears that it would be reasonable to put the microwave equipment in storage and not make the actual installation until the actual emergency occurs. Since the installation is a complicated one and would require from a few weeks to 60 days or more to complete, such a plan would not be feasible without some immediate access to the critical agencies microwave network at least on a limited basis. This could best be handled by leasing four telephone lines from the college to the microwave terminal near Sharpsburg. This would permit at least limited

communication with other critical agencies over the microwave system until our microwave equipment could be installed. This course of action would necessarily be an integral part of the proposal to store the microwave equipment at this time.

This course of action appears to be a good compromise between a completely "ready-to-go" system and a complete lack of back-up communications facilities to other critical agencies. The equipment would be on hand when needed which would eliminate the biggest drawback to setting up radio communications after the emergency actually arises. You will recall that we have adopted a similar course of action in connection with radio equipment for our own CW emergency network.

The primary advantages and disadvantages of this course of action are set out below for consideration:

ADVANTAGES .

- (1) Would provide maximum flexibility in the event the Bureau should actually go to a different relocation center or should a different alternate headquarters be selected in advance.
- (2) At time of emergency, we will occupy the school and the adjoining land. We will then be in position to choose the best possible site for the microwave installation, i.e., right on the school property immediately adjacent to building housing our switchboard, teletypes etc.
- (3) Unless suitable land were purchased, and we install the station at this time on rented property we would be tenants subject to the whim of the lessor and could conceivably have to move the station many times over the next several years.
- (4) Would eliminate the security problem we would have if the station were installed now at an unguarded and unoccupied location out away from town.

DISADVANTAGES

(1) The primary disadvantage would be the few weeks to 60 days delay in placing the equipment in operation; this could be partially overcome by the four leased lines to Sharpsburg which would provide limited communication in the interim.

(2) The Ad Hoc Committee on Alert Planning will probably oppose the "non-ready" status since their desire is to advise the President that the emergency communication system is all set up and ready to go. However, the rest of our plant at Shepherdstown is in a storage condition and our position on the microwave station would not be inconsistent with our other plans. Of course, should the White House order completion of the system we would simply go out farther from town until a suitable microwave site could be obtained and have the necessary interconnecting cables installed.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that:

(1) The microwave equipment be held in storage until emergency conditions require evacuation to Shepherdstown.

(2) Four telephone lines from the college at Shepherdstown to the microwave terminal near Sharpsburg, Maryland be leased from the telephone company.

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agreement on Patts prop.*

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Harbo

DATE: December 9, 1952

FROM : Mr. Conrad

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(279,655)~~TOP SECRET~~

SUBJECT:

BUREAU WAR PLANS

CRITICAL AGENCIES MICROWAVE SYSTEM

E. LEE GOLDSBOROUGH; [REDACTED]

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In connection with the possible erection of the Bureau's microwave station on the Goldsborough property at Shepherdstown, W. Va., a name check disclosed a close association between [REDACTED] and DUNCAN LEE, a principal subject in the Silvermaster Espionage Case. In view of this the Radio & Electrical Section feels that no further action should be taken to utilize this property.

PURPOSE:

To set forth the security aspects involved in considering the Goldsborough property at Shepherdstown, W. Va., as a site for the Bureau's terminal in the critical agencies top secret microwave network.

BACKGROUND:

Following the establishment of the critical agencies microwave network, it became necessary for the Bureau to locate a suitable site for its microwave terminal. The first choice, on the property of Shepherds College, was unacceptable to the school authorities. The second most desirable site, on the Pott's Estate adjacent to the school property, was fully explored but was abandoned due to the unwillingness of one of the owners to permit the installation. The third choice was a high spot of ground in an apple orchard on the estate of Mr. E. LEE GOLDSBOROUGH, approximately one-half mile from Shepherds College.

DETAILS:

Prior to making any contact concerning the property under consideration at Shepherdstown, W. Va., the Pittsburgh Office was requested to ascertain discreetly the ownership. Accordingly, it

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was learned that the property was owned by E. LEE GOLDSBOROUGH, approximately 80 years of age and a native of Jefferson County, West Virginia who has been in the orchard business all his life. Family members were ascertained to be, [redacted], a resident of Philadelphia, Pa.; [redacted] residing with her parents; and [redacted] a resident of Shepherdstown, W. Va. A check of the Bureau indices disclosed no information concerning E. LEE GOLDSBOROUGH, SR., [redacted] [redacted], nor [redacted] (X)

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The following was revealed from a technical informant concerning [redacted]

"MAR 29. 1947 6:23 PM. MI Summary. DUNCAN LEE to [redacted] (at the residence of E. L. GOLDSBOROUGH, in Shepherdstown, West Virginia - whose number is Shepherdstown 2483) [redacted] commented she was glad it was DUNCAN, as she had been expecting word from Washington about an Aunt who is ill. DUNCAN said as [redacted] is going to be away on the weekend of the 19th (April 12) he would like to switch it to the May date. If [redacted] is away he wouldn't be able to bring either [redacted] or [redacted] with him. [redacted] thought it could be done. She said [redacted] (ph) was going to invite the Martinsburg group and she didn't know if she had asked them yet. [redacted] commented she hoped [redacted] would come as she would like to meet her. [redacted] will contact DUNCAN at the office Monday about the May date. (DUNCAN said it was possibly the 9th of May)" (File 65-56402-Sub I-1547 page 15)

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The foregoing are believed to be identified as follows:

DUNCAN CHAPLIN LEE - Principal subject in the Silvermaster Case.

[redacted] - Believed to be [redacted] of DUNCAN LEE. b6
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[redacted] * Wife of DUNCAN LEE, a member of the Communist Party or Communist Party fronts in New York in 1939-1942, according to informant Elizabeth Bentley. (100-364413-95 page 5) b6 b7C b7D

[redacted] - [redacted] of DUNCAN LEE.

"MAR 29, 1947 5:08 PM. MI Summary. [redacted] (ph) for DUNCAN LEE, who was not there. [redacted] said she wanted to remind DUNCAN and also [redacted] that "we" are expecting them this Saturday. [redacted] said they would be there for dinner - about 6 o'clock, as DUNCAN has to work in the morning." (File 65-56402-Sub I -1566) b6 b7C

The foregoing information was included in the report of LAMBERT G. ZANDER, Washington, D. C., entitled NATHAN GREGORY SILVERMASTER, was: Espionage - R, under the contacts of DUNCAN LEE, a principal subject in the Silvermaster Case.

"On March 29, 1947, DUNCAN LEE contacted [redacted] at the residence of E. L. GOLDSBOROUGH, Shepherdstown, West Virginia. DUNCAN told [redacted] that since [redacted] was going to be away on the weekend of April 19, he would like to switch it to the May day. He indicated this date would possibly be the 9th of May. [redacted] said she thought this could be done. She said further that [redacted] (phonetic) was going to invite the Martinsburg group. She didn't know if she had asked them yet. [redacted] expressed hope that [redacted] (DUNCAN's [redacted] would come down also as she would like to meet her." (File 65-56402-2477 page 88) b6 b7C

Mr. D. E. Roney, of the Espionage Section of the Domestic Intelligence Division, who currently supervises the investigation concerning DUNCAN LEE, advised that the name of [redacted] was not familiar to him. He also advised that DUNCAN LEE has been

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U [REDACTED] Mr. Roney also advised that DUNCAN LEE had been identified as a Soviet Agent by informant Elizabeth Bentley and that if another witness could be found, DUNCAN LEE would undoubtedly be prosecuted. (X)

Arrangements were made to check the special indices on the Silvermaster Case at Washington Field Office, in an effort to show any additional contacts of [REDACTED] with DUNCAN LEE. This search was made by Special Agent LAMBERT G. ZANDER, the agent who handled the Silvermaster Case in Washington Field Office. The search produced no additional information and Agent ZANDER stated that he did not associate the name of [REDACTED] with DUNCAN LEE. b6 b7C

Special Agent THOMAS A. MENDENHALL of Washington Field Office, to whom the DUNCAN LEE Case is currently assigned, advised that every effort is being made to secure information on DUNCAN LEE leading to prosecution and that investigation is under way in England concerning the activities of DUNCAN LEE and his wife. Agent MENDENHALL advised that he did not recollect the name of [REDACTED] in conjunction with DUNCAN LEE. Agent MENDENHALL was unable to state if a possible relationship existed between DUNCAN LEE and E. LEE GOLDSBOROUGH, but did state that DUNCAN LEE has [REDACTED] an employee of the State Department. b6 b7C

It would appear that if prosecution of DUNCAN LEE should occur, [the GOLDSBOROUGH family might become character witnesses in the trial and thus create a situation that could result in embarrassment to the Bureau, inasmuch as, the other critical agencies in the microwave network will know where the Bureau microwave equipment is located.] (X)

ACTION:

None.

The foregoing has been set forth for record purposes. As set forth in my memo December 5, 1952, in view of the security aspects

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V [it is the feeling of the Radio & Electrical Section that no further action should be taken toward utilizing the GOLDSBOROUGH property for the Bureau's terminal of the critical agencies top secret microwave network.] (X)

Belmont agrees not safe
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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. TOLSON

DATE: January 14, 1953

FROM : MR. CLEGG

SUBJECT: WAR PLANS
EVACUATION*Emergency Headquarters J.A.G.*

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Reference is made to my memorandum dated 12-15-52, indicating the status of the items being considered in connection with possible evacuation from Washington.

All items have been completed with the exception of the following:

(1) COMMUNICATIONS:

The microwave equipment which will link the critical agencies in their evacuation quarters has been delivered.

Mr. Parsons of the Laboratory has advised that negotiations are still under way to obtain a lease for a portion of the Potts estate on which to locate this equipment. Informed that this matter should be cleared up within two or three weeks. The delay in the negotiations has been caused by the death of the husband of one of the owners of the estate.

(2) FIRST AID:

First-aid training courses at the Seat of Government have been abolished for the rest of the fiscal year as an economy measure.

(3) DESTRUCTION OF FILES:

A plan is being worked out to set up a priority system for the destruction of files should the military situation make it necessary. This matter is being handled by Inspector Vechery.

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Mr. A. Russell Aoh
Chairman, Ad Hoc Committee on Alert Planning
Room 1, Executive Office Building
17th and Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington 25, D. C.

EX - 101

**EMERGENCY RELOCATION PLANNING - SECURITY AGENCIES
(Communications)**

Reference is made to your Secret memorandum, dated December 18, 1952, with attachment, to Mr. O. H. Bartlett of this Bureau, captioned Emergency Relocation Planning - Security Agencies (Communications).

In response to your inquiry, 1. (a), concerning the need for retention of a terminal of the inter-Security Agency microwave network at a location in the Washington area for use during the pre-emergency period, please be advised that at the present time this Bureau has no need for these facilities since, as you have been previously advised, it is not anticipated that our relocation center will be occupied during a pre-emergency period.

In regard to your inquiry, 1 (b), this Bureau does not desire to finance a land line tie-in with the proposed microwave terminal in the Washington area at the present time.

Concerning the single agency system maintenance program, please be advised that this Bureau concurs in the proposed maintenance procedures as outlined in your memorandum and the attachment thereto.

1 - Mr. Bartlett
Room 7647

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NOTE: Do not mail. Upon approval send to Mr. O. H. Bartlett, Room 7647, for personal delivery.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Harbo

DATE: January 5, 1953

FROM : Mr. Conrad

SUBJECT: SECURITY AGENCIES MICROWAVE SYSTEMBureau War Plans Auxiliary Space For S.O.G.SYNOPSIS:

Mr. A. Russell Ash, Chairman of the Ad Hoc Committee on alert planning, by memorandum dated December 18, 1952, to Mr. O. H. Bartlett, the Bureau's representative on this Committee, asked to be advised of the Bureau's comments on the following two points:

1. (a) The need for retention of a terminal of the Security Agencies Microwave Network in the Washington area during the pre-emergency period.
- (b) The desire of the Bureau to finance land line tie-in with such a terminal.

2. The desirability of adopting a single agency system maintenance program for the network (to handle at their expense)

These questions have been studied in the Laboratory and the following comments in respect to the above points are recommended:

1. (a) Since the Bureau does not intend to occupy its relocation site during the pre-emergency period, we have no need for access to a terminal of the Microwave Network in the Washington area.
- (b) The Bureau does not desire to finance land line tie-in with such a terminal for the same reason set forth in 1 (a) above.

2. The Bureau concurs in the proposal for a single agency system maintenance program as outlined in the attachment to the referenced memorandum.

It is noted that the Bureau will retain full responsibility for its own microwave station and the system. maintenance crew will be called in to assist in problems involving simultaneous adjustment of equipment along with that of another agency.

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A suggested letter to Mr. Ash is attached for approval.

PURPOSE:

To recommend appropriate Bureau comments in response to a request from the Ad Hoc Committee on alert planning concerning the Security Agencies' Microwave Network.

REFERENCE:

Reference is made to the attached memorandum from Mr. A. Russell Ash, Chairman of the Ad Hoc Committee on Alert Planning to Mr. O. H. Bartlett, the Bureau's representative on the Ad Hoc Committee, dated December 18, 1952.

DETAILS:

The referenced memorandum requests the Bureau's comments on the following points:

1. (a) The need for the retention of a terminal of the Security Agencies Microwave Network in the Washington area during the pre-emergency period.
(b) The desire of the Bureau to finance land line tie-in with such a terminal.

2. The desirability of adopting a single agency system maintenance program for the network [redacted] b7E to handle at their expense).

In regard to the first point, this question arises from the fact that the Federal Civil Defense Administration (FCDA) has decided to increase the capacity of their microwave circuits between [redacted] and to discontinue the use of their offices in [redacted] b7E [redacted] as a microwave communications center. They have proposed to either move the microwave relay equipment

they have presently installed at [redacted] or, in the event the other agencies see a need for the present Washington area installation, to leave it for them and buy new equipment for [redacted]. If this is done they expect the other agencies to pay for the new equipment for [redacted]. FCDA representatives have tried very hard to convince the other agencies that they need the [redacted] terminal and it is obvious that they would like to have the other agencies take over their old equipment and pay for new equipment for installation at [redacted]. b7E

Inasmuch as the Bureau does not intend to occupy the relocation center during the pre-emergency period there appears to be no particular need for the [redacted] terminal as far as the Bureau is concerned.

It is noted that at the meeting of the Ad Hoc Committee on December 17, 1952, when the subject was discussed in general terms, although some of the other agencies expressed the opinion that it might be desirable to keep the [redacted] terminal, it was indicated that they had no desire to finance FCDA's expansion at [redacted]. b7E

It is likewise believed that there would be no particular benefit derived to the Bureau by financing land line tie-in to a terminal in the Washington area for use during the pre-emergency period, since we will not go to Shepherdstown during the pre-emergency period and inasmuch as we already have both land line and radio communication to the White House from the Justice Building.

In regard to point 2, the single agency system maintenance program, it is believed that the proposal outlined in the attachment to the referenced memorandum is a desirable one.

As pointed out in the proposal, a system maintenance program is essential in a network involving different agencies since proper operation depends on certain circuit adjustments being performed simultaneously at the separate locations.

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It is noted that the individual agencies will retain complete responsibility over their own installations and will work with the system maintenance crew only on adjustment problems affecting other stations in the network.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Bureau's comments on the questions posed in the referenced memorandum be as follows:

1. (a) Since the Bureau does not intend to occupy its relocation site during the pre-emergency period, we have no need for access to a terminal of the Microwave Network in the Washington area.

(b) The Bureau does not desire to finance land line tie-in with such a terminal for the same reason as set forth in 1 (a) above.

2! The Bureau concurs in the proposed single agency system maintenance program.

A suggested letter to Mr. Ash is attached for approval. Upon approval the letter should be forwarded to Mr. O. H. Bartlett, Room 7647, for personal delivery to Mr. Ash.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Glavin

DATE: January 14, 1953

FROM : L. J. Gaughan

SUBJECT: FBI RELOCATION SITE PLANS
"CONTINUITY OF GOVERNMENT"

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SYNOPSIS:

Attached NSRB Bulletin 53-3 "Continuity of Government" submitted to the Bureau by A. Russell Ash, Chairman Ad Hoc Committee on Alert Planning dated January 7, 1953, was reviewed since it dealt with emergency relocation planning. The provisions contained in this document were previously analyzed by the Bureau on November 5, 1952 (see attachment) as set forth in NSRB Bulletin 53-1 received by the Bureau on September 16, 1952. There appears to be no need to incorporate portions of reference Bulletin NSRB 53-3 in our present emergency relocation site plans.

PURPOSE

To determine whether certain aspects of NSRB Bulletin 53-3 contains information which should be incorporated in our Emergency Relocation Plans.

BACKGROUND

The Bureau has been closely working with the Chairman of the Ad Hoc Committee on Alert Planning which Committee to date has accepted our present plan for emergency operations at our relocation site.

DETAILS

NSRB Bulletin 53-3 is intended to assist departments and agencies of the Executive Branch in completing their short-term emergency phase of plans dealing with the continuity of essential functions customarily performed at the Seat of Government.

Since the Bureau's emergency operation plans have already been formulated in cooperation with the Ad Hoc Committee on Alert Planning and since these plans have been accepted by the President (White House Communication to the Director, FBI dated September 16, 1952, Bureau file 62-86157-250) there is no need to have incorporated portions of reference Bulletin NSRB 53-3 in our present emergency relocation plans.

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For S.O.G.

Memo to Mr. Glavin (Continued)

ACTION:

As set forth in my memorandum to you dated November 5, 1952, (see attachment) concerning certain provisions contained in NSRB Bulletin 53-1, Continuity of Government dated September 10, 1952, dealing with the desirability of having an alternate plan for providing supervision and staffing of our relocation site from employees presently outside of Washington, plans are being formulated in this respect which will be submitted for the Executive Conference consideration when completed.

RECOMMENDATION

No further action required with respect to the attached NSRB Bulletin 53-3.

Attachments (2)

Copy NSRB Bulletin 53-3 dated December 29, 1952.

Memo to Mr. Glavin from L. J. Gauthier dated November 5, 1953,
re: Analysis NSRB Bulletin 53-1.

L. J. Gauthier

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. GLAVIN

DATE: January 27, 1953

FROM : *LJG* L. J. GAUTHIERSUBJECT: WAR PLANS Auxiliary SPACE FOR S. D. G.
Bureau RELOCATION SITE PLANS D.C.

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SYNOPSIS

Arrangement with the Veterans Administration for suitable storage space for emergency radio equipment at the Newton D. Baker VA Center in the vicinity of Martinsburg, West Virginia, has been perfected with Mr. Wales E. Finnegan, Manager of the Center subject to the Bureau signing a permit for the use of approximately 2500 square feet of warehouse space.

BACKGROUND

In connection with the formulation of relocation site ^{plans} at Shepherdstown, West Virginia, the Bureau requires approximately 2500 square feet of storage space to house emergency radio equipment that will be used at the site in the event the Bureau is required to operate outside of Washington, D. C. The nearest storage space available is at the Newton D. Baker VA Center which is approximately seven miles from our relocation site and approximately 70 miles from Washington, D. C. Preliminary arrangements were made with General Carl R. Gray, Jr., Administrator, Veterans Administrations, through Bureau liaison to have this matter discussed further with his office.

DETAILS

On January 22, 1953, Special Agent Arthur Baker, FBI Laboratory, and Special Agents R. C. Renneberger and L. J. Gauthier of the Administrative Division visited the Newton D. Baker VA Center in the company of Colonel William Z. Bowie, Director Real Estate Service, Veterans Administration, Munitions Building, Washington, D. C. code 139, extension 2495, Room 3074, for the purpose of ascertaining what space might be available which could be used by the Bureau for storage.

The following officials at the VA Center were contacted in connection with this visit: Wales E. Finnegan, Manager, Martinsburg, West Virginia, 8941; [redacted] Assistant Manager; and [redacted] Supply Officer. These men were very cooperative in their efforts to obtain suitable storage space for the Bureau. The most adequate and suitable space obtainable in the opinion of Baker, Renneberger and Gauthier was building #312. This building is a one story, brick-

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constructed warehouse. The building is approximately 50' by 150'. An area of 50' x 50' within this building is walled off with a wooden partition having two locked access doors. Windows and doors opening into this area are protected by heavy metal grills. The space is further serviced by loading ramps requiring no elevators to be used in handling the equipment. The floor consists of a cement slab on ground level which will sustain weights in excess of 2,000 pounds per square foot. All doors are large enough to permit passage of the largest crate involved. The room is heated and is considered dry throughout the seasons to insure against damage from dampness and/or outside elements. The security is considered to be maximum. A watchman makes checks throughout the evening hours. The warehouse is situated well within the hospital grounds. The VA Center is completely circumscribed by a hurricane wire fence. Entrance to the grounds is controlled through a guard house at the main entrance. Colonel Bowie informed the above-mentioned individuals of the requirement to keep this matter in absolute confidence.

ACTION

Colonel Bowie informed Mr. Finnegan that no lease will be necessary and that if the Bureau desired to utilize this space, arrangements will be made by the Bureau direct with him and all that will be necessary is to have the FBI sign the usual permit. Mr. Finnegan was advised that the space appeared to be adequate and we would notify him officially in the near future concerning the acceptance of his kind offer to be of help to us.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that Bureau authority be granted for a representative of the Administrative Division to sign whatever permit is required by the Veterans Administration Center in order that specific arrangements can be made by the Laboratory and Mr. Finnegan for the storage of supplies at the Center in the near future.

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Col. Bowie stated on 2/3/53 that he would get permit ready and call Baker when it is ready. 2/3/53 - ayle

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W. B. Wilson Room 3502, Munster, Ind.
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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. GLAVIN

DATE: January 23, 1953

FROM : L. J. GAUTHIER

SUBJECT: FBI RELOCATION SITE PLANS

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Bureau War Plans - Emergency Headquarters For S.O.G.

SYNOPSIS

The Bureau has been formulating emergency relocation site plans in cooperation with the President's Ad Hoc Committee on Alert Planning for key critical agencies, also known as sensitive operations, of the Federal Government. These plans have been accepted by the President (White House Communication to the Director, FBI dated September 16, 1952, Bureau file 62-86157-250). NSRB Bulletins are issued from time to time to both key critical agencies and other Departments and Agencies of the Executive Branch of the Government for the purpose of assisting in formulating plans for the continuity of essential functions customarily performed at the Seat of Government. Our basic plans are analyzed against provisions contained in such NSRB Bulletins for the purpose of maintaining such plans within the general requirements of the over-all plans promulgated by the NSRB where applicable.

PURPOSE

Referral/Consult

To present a proposed plan for alternate staffing of the FBI Relocation Site with employees outside of Washington, D. C. to the Assistant Directors of each Division for their views and for final action by the Executives Conference.

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The Bureau is considered by the President as one of several key (sensitive) critical agencies and as such, plans have been formulated by the Bureau in cooperation with the Ad Hoc Committee on Alert Planning. Our basic plans have been completed and accepted by the Ad Hoc Committee. One provisions which the Committee stresses is the need to provide alternate supervision and staffing of relocation sites with employees presently living and working outside Washington, D. C. Our plans presently call for some 519 employees living and working in Washington to staff our relocation site in an emergency. Our plan does not provide alternate measures.

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Memo to Mr. Glavin (continued)

ACTION

Attached proposed plans and SAC Letter have been generally formulated whereby field divisions will effect plans to activate our relocation site in the event a very heavy surprise attack on the Washington area makes our initial plans to staff the site with employees working and living in this area impossible of execution.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended:

1. That the War Plan Coordinator in each Division study the attached plan for the purpose of describing specific aspects of divisional responsibility which will be of help to the field in the event our relocation site had to be activated by nearby SACs.
2. That the Domestic Intelligence Division consider the problems that would result relative to effecting the Detcom program by the Washington Field Office in the event a very heavy surprise attack resulted in the investigative personnel of the Washington Field Office working and living in the metropolitan area not being available for the adequate continuity of operations.

Attachments (2)

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. A. H. BELMONT *AB*
 FROM : V. P. Keay *VPKA*
 SUBJECT: CONTINUITY OF GOVERNMENT FOLLOWING ATTACK D.C.

DATE: February 9, 1953

SYNOPSIS: Bureau War Plans Emergency Headquarters
FOR S.O.G.

On February 5, 1953, the Ad Hoc Committee on Alert Planning, National Security Resources Board (NSRB) briefed representatives of the White House concerning the Continuity of Government following Attack. Included in this group was Governor Val Peterson and Mr. James C. Hagerty, the President's Press Secretary.

DETAILS:

On February 5, 1953, Mr. Bartlett of the Liaison Section was requested to attend a meeting of the Ad Hoc Committee on Alert Planning at the NSRB for the purpose of briefing White House personnel on the subject of Continuity of Government following Attack. This meeting took place at 2 p.m. in the office of Mr. A. Russell Ash, Chairman of the Ad Hoc Committee on Alert Planning, in the Executive Office Building. In addition to the regular members of the Committee, the White House representatives were as follows:

Governor Val Peterson, Administrative Assistant to the President

Mr. James C. Hagerty, Press Secretary to the President

Mr. Murray Snyder, Assistant to Mr. Hagerty

Colonel Carroll, Aide to the President

Mr. Ash outlined to the assembled group the plans that were presently in effect concerning the operations of Government after attack on the part of the security agencies, including the Bureau, as well as the proposed operations of the mobilization agencies.

As you know, these security agencies

The present plans call for 4,877 personnel of the security agencies to immediately report to emergency headquarters following attack to continue operations. The mobilization agencies,

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Memo to Mr. Belmont

RE: Continuity of Government Following Attack

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[redacted] etc.; have plans calling for 9,384 personnel to report to emergency sites if Washington is bombed out. These two groups together make a total of 14,261 Government personnel which will form the Seat of Government operations during the period immediately following attack. b7E

The key assembly point for the mobilization agencies following attack will be at the [redacted]
[redacted]

ACTION:

For your information. ✓

February 10, 1953

66-17321-217
Major General Carl R. Gray, Jr.
Administrator
Veterans Administration
Washington, D. C.

Dear General Gray:

I do want you to know how much I appreciate the fine cooperation extended by your office in assisting me to resolve the problem of obtaining suitable storage space for the official use of this Bureau in the vicinity of Martinsburg, West Virginia. Colonel William Z. Bowie of your office extended considerable effort conferring with my staff for the purpose of working out details involved. The Colonel's efforts are personally appreciated.

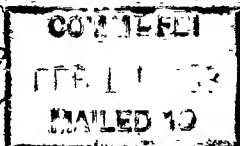
The provisions contained in the memorandum of agreement, No. VI001, SR-239, shall be strictly adhered to and further, whenever this Bureau has no further need for this storage space, your office will be advised immediately.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. GLAVIN ✓

DATE: February 10, 1953

FROM : L. J. GAUTHIER

Bureau
SUBJECT: WAR PLANS Auxiliary SPACE FOR S.O.G. (m)
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There is attached hereto a memorandum of agreement with the Veterans Administration for the use of certain storage space by the Bureau at the Veterans Administration Center, Martinsburg, West Virginia. Approximately 2500 square feet of storage space is needed to house emergency radio equipment that will be required whenever it becomes necessary to activate our relocation site. General Carl R. Gray, Jr., Administrator, Veterans Administration, has available space at the Martinsburg Center and this agreement permits the Bureau the use of this space without cost.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended:

1. That the Laboratory make whatever arrangements necessary with Mr. Finnegan, Manager of the Veterans Center for the early storage of equipment.
2. That the attached letter to General Gray be approved.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Harbo

DATE: February 3, 1953

FROM : I. W. Conrad

SUBJECT: ~~BUREAU WAR PLANS Auxiliary SPACE FOR S.O.G.~~
~~SECURITY AGENCIES MICROWAVE SYSTEM~~
INTERVIEW WITH MRS. MARGARET WILLIAMS

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SYNOPSIS

SA Arthur J. Baker of the Laboratory was instructed to interview [redacted] (nee [redacted]) for purpose of resolving her objections to installation of FBI terminal of Security Agencies Microwave System on the Potts estate, adjacent to Shepherd College, Shepherdstown, West Virginia. Interview conducted Friday afternoon 1-30-53. Details of proposed installation were discussed thoroughly with [redacted] in an effort to determine specifically the basis for her previous objections. It was ascertained that her principal objection boiled down to the fact that she felt, in view of the size of the proposed installation, that more rental should be paid than the \$300 per year which was originally discussed. She also felt that the exposed guy wires presented a safety hazard. As a result of discussions, [redacted] agreed to the proposed installation provided that the two exposed guy anchors be fenced in to eliminate any possible safety hazard and provided further that a rental of \$700 per year (payable quarterly in advance) be paid. [redacted] was very cordial throughout the interview and seemed to be entirely sympathetic to the Bureau's needs but maintained that the stipulated rental was necessary to insure the estate against possible loss of revenue from the apple orchard and to compensate adequately for the inconvenience, etc. It is pointed out, however, that the possibility exists that the rental may be increased from time to time in the future as has been the case in some of our other rented radio station sites. If the Bureau approves the above leasing arrangement the Laboratory can supply the necessary changes in wording to the previously proposed agreement for submission to the Potts family for signing.

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PURPOSE

To report the results of interview with [redacted] one of the owners of the Potts estate at Shepherdstown, concerning the installation of the Bureau's terminal of the Security Agencies Microwave System on the Potts property.

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REFERENCE

Reference is made to my memo dated 12-5-52 pointing out the difficulties encountered in locating our microwave station in the immediate vicinity of Shepherdstown, West Virginia.

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Memorandum to Mr. Harbo

February 3, 1953

BACKGROUND

You will recall that negotiations with the Potts family for the erection of our microwave station on their property fell through when one of the co-owners, [redacted] would not agree to the proposed installation. Since other possible sites in the immediate vicinity were unusable for one reason or another, I suggested in my memorandum dated 12-5-52 the possibility of storing the microwave equipment and renting four leased telephone lines from the College at Shepherdstown to the military microwave terminal near Sharpsburg, Maryland, as an interim measure.

As you know, Mr. Tolson then instructed that an Agent talk to [redacted] personally for the purpose of convincing her that the FBI should be permitted to install its microwave station and tower in the Potts apple orchard. Since [redacted] was in New York at the time, on December 15 the New York office was instructed to have supervisor Tom Spencer contact [redacted] for a person-to-person discussion. [redacted] husband had been ill for some time and died on December 22. Due to the illness and death of her husband, [redacted] has been extremely busy and Spencer has been unable to see her.

On Friday, January 30, New York advised that [redacted] had gone back to Shepherdstown for the week-end and was then going on a vacation in Florida for approximately a month. In order to resolve the matter without further delay, SA Arthur J. Baker of the Radio and Electrical Section was instructed to contact [redacted] immediately in an effort to reach a satisfactory agreement on the matter.

DETAILS

Accordingly, on Friday afternoon, January 30, Baker proceeded to Shepherdstown to talk to [redacted]. The details of the proposed installation were discussed thoroughly with [redacted] in an effort to determine specifically the basis for her previous objections. It was ascertained that her principal objection boiled down to the fact that she felt, in view of the size of the proposed installation, that more rental should be paid than the \$300 per year which was originally discussed. She also felt that the exposed guy wires might possibly constitute a safety hazard.

As a result of further discussion, [redacted] agreed to the proposed installation, provided that the two exposed guy anchors be fenced in to eliminate the possible safety hazards and provided further that a rental of \$700 a year (payable quarterly in advance) be paid.

[redacted] stated that such an arrangement would be entirely satisfactory and that the only reason the Bureau might have to move at

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some future date would be if they decided to sell the property and removal of the station became necessary in order to make a satisfactory sale. She stated further that if such became necessary they would give us a minimum of 3 months notice. Mr. Llewellyn Potts and [redacted] the other two owners, were present during the discussions and each expressed complete agreement with [redacted]

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[redacted] was very cordial throughout the interview and seemed to be entirely sympathetic to the Bureau's needs but maintained that the stipulated rental was necessary to insure the estate against possible loss of revenue from the apple orchard and to compensate adequately for the inconvenience, etc. Agreement on the basis of increased rental represents a definite modification of the attitude of [redacted] inasmuch as she definitely indicated in prior discussions that rental was not a primary factor in her objection to FBI occupancy.

It is noted that the Bureau is presently paying the Potts family \$300 per year rental for use of one room in a brick outbuilding on the estate where we have our emergency CW station set up for communication with the critical agencies. As you know, the CW station is an interim measure which, according to present plans, we would continue to maintain until such time as the microwave station is installed and operating.

It is pointed out that the possibility exists that the rental again may be increased from time to time in the future as has been the case with our other rented radio station sites at Anchorage, San Diego and in Washington. However, since it has been the policy to rent rather than purchase land for such purposes it appears that such possibility need not be a bar to the renting of the site on the Potts estate.

ACTION

If the Bureau approves the rental of the apple orchard site on the Potts estate for the Bureau's microwave station in accordance with the terms stipulated by [redacted] the Laboratory will supply the necessary changes to the originally proposed agreement for transmittal to the Potts family for signature.

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It is suggested that prior to final approval, a representative from the Administrative Division and a representative from the Records and Communications Division may wish to inspect the proposed site in order to insure that the space is satisfactory from their respective standpoints.

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Harbo

DATE: February 5, 1953

FROM : I. W. Conrad *IWC*SUBJECT: STATUS OF MICROWAVE INSTALLATION
AT SHEPHERDSTOWN (m)

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Bureau War Plans Auxiliary SPACE FOR S.O.G.

SYNOPSIS

Memo outlines present status of microwave installation at Shepherdstown from standpoint of money already committed, (approximately \$47,528.29), the estimated cost needed to place the microwave station itself in operation on a test basis (\$2200 to \$3700), a suggested additional rough estimate of expense which may be necessary to connect the microwave station into Shepherd College buildings on a traffic handling basis (approximately \$9000). This latter figure of \$9000 can vary greatly since it depends to a great extent on the amount of teletype equipment estimated to be needed. (The simplest teletype set costs approximately \$1000 per machine.)

PURPOSE

In accordance with your request, to point out status of microwave installation at Shepherdstown and to present estimate of costs involved to complete the installation.

DETAILS

You will recall that on 10-15-51 the Executives Conference approved the installation of a 10 channel microwave station to be installed at Shepherdstown to tie in to the security agencies microwave system at an estimated cost of approximately \$50,000.

A contract totaling \$47,528.29 has been placed which covers the microwave equipment, multiplexing equipment, prefabricated building, antennas and antenna tower for the installation at Shepherdstown. This contract also covers the installation work to be done by Motorola. This contract is some \$10,000 or \$12,000 higher than originally anticipated as subsequent to the time the Bureau decided to buy its equipment direct rather than using a common pool of equipment purchased by [] (see Executives Conference memo dated 5-8-52), [] advised that they would be unable to furnish all of the equipment needed at the tie-in point, and the Bureau had to purchase the necessary equipment to make the Bureau part of the circuit complete. Prior to this time it had been indicated that the FBI would be required to purchase only the terminal equipment at Shepherdstown with [] furnishing the necessary equipment at either [] or []. This will probably have the effect of increasing the cost somewhat above the original \$50,000 estimate, since the estimate was based on the earlier understanding. Although the contract totaling \$47,528.29 already has been placed, the actual charge may be substantially

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less since the \$47,528.29 represents a maximum figure for which the government can be held liable, and certain contract provisions depending upon amount of labor involved could cause the figure to be substantially smaller.

Immediate installation of the station on the Potts estate would require additional expenditure of from \$2700 to \$3400, depending upon the cost of power service. Inasmuch as the Potts estate has not been approved as a site, no contact has been made with the local power company for estimates for, obvious security reasons. It could normally be expected that the power lines could be run in for approximately \$500; however, due to the rocky terrain involved this figure could run up as high as \$2000. The other costs involved may be broken down as follows:

Power	\$500	to	\$2000	
Necessary fencing (including installation)	500	to	500	
Local telephone equipment	200	to	200	
One teletype machine	1000	to	1000	can defer until 7-1 if use not ordered nor negotiation
Total	\$2200	to	\$3700	

It is noted that this would make the microwave installation operative from the station on the Potts estate for testing purposes but the station would not be capable of full utilization on all channels simultaneously, since extent of such simultaneous use depends upon terminal equipment desired by Bureau.

At such time as the system is made operative from the Shepherd College building, i.e., possible utilization of multiple channels from the school administration building, the following estimated additional equipment will be required, totalling approximately \$9000 and probably a monthly recurring charge in the neighborhood of \$100.

1. Two 26 pair cables connecting the communications center at the school with the microwave station. The telephone company has not been contacted in advance for security reasons but this cost is estimated at approximately \$3000 plus a monthly recurring charge in the neighborhood of \$100.

2. To make the system completely flexible and to allow for integrating the microwave system with the available commercial facilities, switchboard and terminal equipment costing approximately \$3000 will be required.

3. To allow for a reasonable volume of traffic at least 3 additional teletype machines should be acquired at a cost of about

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\$1000 each for a total of \$3000. (The exact number of teletype circuits has not yet been decided by the Bureau.)

OBSERVATIONS

Immediate installation of the station on the Potts property at this time would allow us to participate in the testing schedules of the system. In the event of an actual emergency necessitating the Bureau operating from Shepherdstown a courier service would have to be set up between the school and the station, a distance of about .4 miles. It is noted that the distance to the microwave terminal at [redacted] is approximately 8 miles. b7E

With the installation of the switchboard and terminal equipment at the school, along with the interconnecting cables, communications service would be immediately available from the school to an extent limited either by the capacity of the microwave system or by the amount of terminal equipment such as telephones and teletypewriters desired by the Bureau. (The maximum capacity of the microwave link to Shepherdstown is 10 voice channels.) Any one voice channel may be deleted and approximately 14 teletype channels substituted therefor.)

ACTION

None. For information only.

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Harbo

DATE: February 16, 1953

FROM : Mr. Conrad *JWC*SUBJECT: b7E

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Bureau War Plans Auxiliary (m)

PURPOSE: SPACE FOR S.O.G.To report for information only, progress noted in construction of the b7EDETAILS:

You will recall how, through our attendance at meetings of the Ad Hoc Committee on Alert Planning, we have been aware of the fact that the are in the process of building the at a point near will also have microwave facilities at this location and it is at this point that our proposed microwave installation will tie in to the Critical Agencies Microwave Network. b7E

On 2/12/53, employees of this section made a visual observation of the site. The microwave tower has been erected and a passive reflector is mounted thereon which appears to be for the other end of our circuit. Several buildings have been built, the water tank is up and a great deal of land has been cleared. What appear to be rhombic antenna poles are scattered all over the countryside and it is apparent that this is going to be a huge installation. It is noted that this installation is only some 6 to 8 miles from our relocation headquarters at Shepherdstown.

It appears that the Military are following the same general plans I previously recommended for the Bureau; that is, moving their main communications facilities back behind the first ridge of mountains for security reasons.

ACTION:

None. For information only.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Tolson

DATE: February 24, 1953

FROM : The Executives Conference

SUBJECT: BUREAU WAR PLANS AUXILIARY SPACE FOR S.O.C.
SECURITY AGENCIES MICROWAVE SYSTEM

On February 20 the Conference consisting of Messrs. Tolson, Glavin, Tracy, Mohr, Laughlin, Belmont, Nichols, Clegg, Gearty and Parsons considered the Bureau's proposed microwave installation at Shepherdstown.

Under the White House war plans each of the critical agencies is to have a microwave installation as a means of communication between the evacuation centers to connect the Bureau.

In May, 1952, the Bureau approved the proposed contract with the Motorola Corporation for the installation of our terminus at Shepherdstown and the contract which totaled \$47,528.29 was negotiated. The most desirable site was on a private estate adjoining the Shepherd College property where we now have a temporary radio installation at a rental cost of \$300. per year until our microwave installation can be erected. One of the owners of the estate objected to the microwave installation and after exhausting all other possibilities the one objecting owner of the Potts' estate was recontacted and on January 30 agreed to the installation at a cost of \$700.00 per year.

In order that the contractor can proceed with our installation, the Conference unanimously recommends that we immediately negotiate the lease with the owners of the Potts' estate at \$700.00 per year which will mean a cost of approximately \$130.00 between now and the end of this fiscal year over and above that for which we are now obligated.

In order to complete the construction of the installation on the Potts' estate and to satisfy the owners, a fence will be required around the guy wires of the tower. The Conference unanimously recommends the expenditure of \$500.00 to complete the construction.

Our best estimate of the cost to run electrical power to the installation is approximately \$500.00 and the telephone and teletype equipment to be put in the installation will cost approximately \$1,200. The Conference unanimously recommends these expenditures which will put our station into operation with the controls located at the site on the private property leased by us.

cc - Mr. Clegg
Mr. Mohr

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The installation is located approximately 3/10 of a mile from the College buildings where we would have office space and telephone switchboard and it would cost up to approximately \$9,000 for telephone cables and equipment necessary to operate the microwave station from the school property. The Conference unanimously recommends against expenditures to operate from the school property at this time.

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Revised agreement
delivered to Mr. Cleveland Potts
at Shepherdstown 3/6/53
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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : THE DIRECTOR

DATE: March 3, 1953

FROM : D. M. LADD *Dfa*

SUBJECT: ATTORNEY GENERAL'S WAR PLANS

0 Bureau War Plans Auxiliary Space For S.O.G.

Pursuant to your request, you are advised that the FBI has not formulated war plans for the Department of Justice, as the Department is not considered a critical agency, and in the event of emergency, it will remain in Washington, D. C. In the event the city becomes untenable the Department will then move to the [REDACTED]

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In the event of evacuation, Mr. Hugo Winterrowd of this Bureau will remain in Washington, D. C., to handle liaison with the Department and the Attorney General.

ACTION:

None. The above is for your information.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Harbo *HP*
 FROM : Mr. Conrad *JC*

DATE: February 20, 1953

SUBJECT: EMERGENCY PLANS *Auxiliary Space FOR S.O.G.*
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PURPOSE:

To recommend that arrangements be made to transport equipment on hand to VA center at Martinsburg since space is cleared and the equipment is ready to go.

DETAILS:

Supply Officer at the Newton D. Baker VA center at Martinsburg, has advised that the storage space allocated to the Bureau there has been cleared and is ready for our use. b6
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All identifying data has been removed from the boxes for security reasons, and each box is marked with a code number for our own use. The equipment, weighing approximately 34,000 lbs. with an approximate cubage of 2500 cu. ft., is ready to go.

Due to the size of the shipment it appears that arrangements will have to be made either with GSA or with a commercial trucking company to do the hauling. For information it is noted that advised that the Novick Transfer Company of Baltimore does all the hauling of supplies to the VA center at Martinsburg for the Veterans Administration. b6
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RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Administrative Division make appropriate arrangements for transporting equipment weighing approximately 34,000 lbs. with an approximate cubage of 2500 cu. ft., to the VA center at Martinsburg, W. Va. F

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GSA Trucks arranged for hauling this material 3/4/53 delivered 3/5/53
material and closed VA Center

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Tolson

DATE: March 13, 1953

FROM : Mr. Clegg *WCM*SUBJECT: BUREAU WAR PLANS - EVACUATIONAuxiliary Space For S.O.G.

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Mr. Holloman	
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Mr. Nease	
Miss Holmes	
Miss Gandy	

This is one of a series of monthly memoranda indicating the status of items being considered in connection with evacuation plans.

All items have been completed with the following exceptions:

1. Communications.

The microwave equipment which will link the critical agencies in their evacuation quarters has been delivered and is being stored at the Newton Baker Veterans Hospital in a secure fashion. This is located near the evacuation site.

The terms of the new lease on the Potts estate have been agreed on and one of the three owners has executed the lease. The lease has been sent to New York for execution by the other two owners. As soon as the lease is signed, construction will be started on the tower to be used in connection with the equipment. This matter is being handled by the Laboratory.

2. First Aid Training.

First aid training at the Seat of Government has been temporarily halted until July 1, 1953, as an economy measure.

3. Destruction of Files.

The Laboratory has explored all known methods of mass destruction of documents, and to date has found nothing suitable for mass destruction of Bureau records. Further data is being sought in regard to this matter, and the Laboratory is continuing on the project.

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CC: Mr. Harbo

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Harbo *Res*
 FROM : I. W. Conrad *✓*
 SUBJECT: BUREAU WAR PLANS Auxiliary SPACE FOR S.O.G.
EMERGENCY STORAGE SPACE AT
MARTINSBURG, WEST VIRGINIA

DATE: March 23, 1953

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This is to advise that on 3-5-53 the radio equipment on hand, to be set up at our emergency headquarters at Shepherdstown, was transported to warehouse number at the Newton D. Baker Veterans Administration Hospital near Martinsburg, West Virginia. b7E

The hauling was done by the General Services Administration and the operation was supervised by SAs and A. J. Baker of the Laboratory and L. J. Gauthier of the Administrative Division. The boxes were checked and a chart was prepared showing the location of the different types of equipment in the warehouse. A copy of the chart is attached hereto for record purposes and an additional copy is being maintained in the Laboratory. b6
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The two keys to the warehouse door have been turned over to Mr. N. P. Callahan of the Administrative Division.

ACTION

None. For information only.

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CC: Mr. Gauthier, 9th & H Streets
 Mr. Callahan, Room 512

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Chief Signal Officer
Signal Corps
United States Army
The Pentagon
Washington 25, D. C.

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Attention: Lt. Col. V. W. Simmons

Dear Sir:

In accordance with discussions between
Lt. Col. V. W. Simmons of the Signal Corps and
Special Agent A. J. Baker of the Federal Bureau of
Investigation, it is requested that arrangements be
made for the following personnel of the FBI to have
access to the terminal of the Critical Agencies Micro-
wave Network under construction at [redacted]
near [redacted]

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Ivan W. Conrad
Richard L. Millen
Gordon L. Davy
Wilbur E. Stahl
Arthur J. Baker.

Thank you for your kind cooperation in this
matter.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

cc - Mr. Hartlett, Room 7647

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Harbo *PH*

FROM : I. W. Conrad *141*

SUBJECT: CRITICAL AGENCIES MICROWAVE NETWORK

DATE: March 31, 1953

As you know, Motorola Inc has indicated that they will begin installation of our portion of the critical agencies microwave network in the very near future.

Since our tie-in point will be at the military installation at [redacted] it will be necessary from time to time for employees of the Radio and Electrical Section to have access to the microwave station at that location. Although the Signal Corps through the ADHOC Committee on Alert Planning knows the complete network plans, the guards, construction men, etc. at the Army site do not know of FBI participation in the network. Lt. Col. V. N. Simmons, the Signal Corps representative on the ADHOC committee has agreed to take the necessary steps to provide clearance for our personnel to have access to the Army installation. He asked that a letter be directed to the Chief Signal Officer setting forth the names of the people who might find it necessary to go to their microwave station.

ACTION

There is attached for approval a letter to the Chief Signal Officer requesting that arrangements be made for myself and four other employees of the Radio and Electrical Section to have access to the Army microwave station at [redacted] b7E

Attachment

cc - Mr. Bartlett, Room 7647

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Bureau War Plans Auxiliary Space FOR S.O.G.

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Harbo
 FROM : Mr. Conrad

DATE: April 3, 1953

SUBJECT: BUREAU WAR PLANS Auxiliary SPACE FOR S.O.G.
MICROWAVE STATION AT SHEPHERDSTOWN

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Re Executive Conference memorandum 2/24/53, approved 2/25/53, authorizing the going ahead with the microwave installation on the Pott's estate at Shepherdstown.

A representative of the Radio & Electrical Section, under pretext as a consulting engineer to Motorola Inc., has obtained the attached forms for agreement with the Potomac Light and Power Co. to run power to the microwave installation. Under company policy the Potomac Light and Power Co. will provide the necessary extension of existing lines free of charge but require the execution of the attached agreement by the customer to pay the minimum charge of \$1.00 per month for five years. The company may require a deposit of the minimum charge for 5 years (\$60) which will be applied against monthly bills as they come due.

As you know, the communications section handles the power bills for the installation at the College and it appears this could be handled in the same manner; however, they may wish to use a different name and P.O. box number to prevent power company employees from linking the installation in the school to the microwave station.

If this method of handling the power bills is approved it is suggested that the signed forms and a check for the sixty dollars deposit be returned to the Radio & Electrical Section for delivery to the Potomac Light and Power Company as expeditiously as possible inasmuch as construction work has already started on the microwave installation and lack of power would prevent the completion of the installation.

RECOMMENDATION:

That this memorandum and the attached agreements be referred to Division 4 for handling.

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and [redacted] Concur that there

is no objection in handling this account
 thru P.O. Box [redacted] and return CW account
 now handled by J. J. Quinn

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 signed contract
 + check for 60.00
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 Co. 4/8/53
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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Tolson ✓

DATE: April 15, 1953

FROM : H. H. Clegg ✓

SUBJECT: BUREAU WAR PLANS AUXILIARY SPACE FOR S.O.G.
EVACUATION

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This is one of a series of monthly memoranda indicating the status of items being considered in connection with the Evacuation Plans.

All items have been completed with the following exceptions:

1. Communications
Emergency communication equipment which will be needed at the evacuation quarters to link critical agencies is stored at the Newton Baker Veteran Hospital in a secure means. This is located near the evacuation site.

The new lease for a portion of the Potts Estate has been executed and the Motorola Company has completed construction of the tower to be used in connection with the microwave equipment and has begun construction on the building where the equipment will be installed. It is estimated that it will take about sixty days to complete the construction and installation. This matter is being supervised by the Laboratory.
2. First Aid Training
First aid training at the Seat of Government has been temporarily halted as an economy measure until July 1, 1953.
3. Destruction of Files
The Laboratory is continuing its research in an effort to find a suitable means for the mass destruction of Bureau files should it become necessary.

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TO : MR. HARBO *RB*

FROM : I. W. CONRAD *JWC*

SUBJECT: BUREAU WAR PLANS Auxiliary SPACE FOR S.O.G.
MICROWAVE STATION AT SHEPHERDSTOWN

DATE: April 16, 1953

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Reference is made to my memorandum 4/3/53 submitting contract forms from the Potomac Light & Power Company, Shepherdstown, for approval. The contracts were approved and, accordingly, SA G. L. Davy returned the signed contracts together with a \$60.00 deposit check to [] manager of the power company office at Shepherdstown.

[] on noticing the name John J. McGuire on the contracts and check, made the comment, "That name looks very familiar. I believe that is the same man who signed the power contract for the secret project in the school basement." SA Davy advises he made no comment in regard to [] statement.

ACTION: None. For information only.

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TO : Mr. Harbo *RAH*

DATE: April 15, 1953

FROM : Mr. Conrad *Juc*

SUBJECT: CRITICAL AGENCIES MICROWAVE NETWORK

Bureau War Plans Emergency Headquarters For. S.O.G.

As you know, construction is proceeding on our microwave installation on the Pott's estate at Shepherdstown, W. Va. The installation will consist of a small prefabricated hut and a 100 ft. steel tower.

of Motorola, who is making the installation for us, has advised that according to CAA regulations the tower will not require aircraft warning lights.

It appears that it would be a good idea to get some specific assurance from CAA that warning lights are not required. Due to the classified nature of the microwave installation, it is believed that it would be unwise to direct any correspondence concerning this matter to the CAA regional office at New York, which would be the normal channel. I believe this matter could be better handled through liaison channels at a high level in the Civil Aeronautics Administration.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Liaison Section discreetly obtain assurance from the Civil Aeronautics Administration that our microwave tower will not be required to have aircraft warning lights installed. If this is approved, details of the tower height, location, et cetera, will be furnished to the Liaison Section by the Radio and Electrical Section of the Laboratory.

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TO : MR. A. H. BELMONT *ABZ*

DATE: April 23, 1953

FROM : V. P. *VP*

SUBJECT: CRITICAL AGENCIES MICROWAVE NETWORK

Bureau War Plans Emergency Headquarters FOR S.O.G.

Reference is made to the memorandum from Mr. Conrad to Mr. Harbo dated April 15, 1953, in the above-captioned matter. It was recommended that a representative of the Liaison Section discreetly contact officials of the Civil Aeronautics Administration to determine if warning lights were needed on the Bureau's microwave tower which is being installed at the Bureau's emergency relocation site.

On April 21, 1953, Mr. Bartlett of the Liaison Section personally contacted [redacted] Administrator, Civil Aeronautics Administration. [redacted] was advised of the confidential nature of this inquiry and he was specifically asked if warning lights were necessary on this installation. [redacted] advised that warning lights were not necessary on a 100-foot tower and that the minimum height of a tower needing lights was 170 feet. [redacted] advised that he would keep instant inquiry strictly confidential.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended this memorandum be routed to the Radio and Electrical Section of the Laboratory.

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TO : Mr. Harbo *RTA*
 FROM : I. W. Conrad *IWC*
 SUBJECT: ~~CRITICAL AGENCIES~~ MICROWAVE NETWORK

DATE: May 6, 1953

Bureau War Plans Auxiliary Space For S. O. G.

PURPOSE

To keep you and interested Bureau officials abreast of engineering developments in constructing Bureau emergency headquarters microwave radio station at Shepherdstown, West Virginia.

DETAILS

In order to more graphically portray engineering progress to date, attached photos (4) are submitted for your attention and information:

- #1 depicts Armco steel 9'x 18' station house, tower leg bases and outdoor housing for certain components of the microwave radio system.
- #2 shows progress on engineering assembly of the microwave components in enclosed cabinets.
- #3 attempts to portray the station layout on top of the hill near water supply tank owned by Potts estate.
- #4 is a view of 100' steel tower, guy wires, passive reflector at top of tower aimed at other terminal at and surrounding apple orchard.

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OBSERVATIONS

Radio engineering work continues to progress. Power line to this site, as yet not completed, being handled by local power company. Their installation being pressed by Radio and Electrical Section.

ACTION

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None. Informative only.

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TO : MR. TOLSON

DATE: 5-14-53

FROM : MR. CLEGG

SUBJECT: BUREAU WAR PLANS EMERGENCY Headquarters FOR S.O.G.
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This is one of a series of monthly memoranda indicating the status of items being considered in connection with the Evacuation Plans. All items have been completed with the following exceptions:

(1) Communications.

Emergency communication equipment not already located in the Communications Building at the emergency evacuation center is stored at the Newton Baker Veterans Hospital in a secure manner. This is located near the evacuation center.

The Motorola Company has completed construction of the tower and building to be used in connection with the microwave equipment, and much of the equipment has been placed in the building. It is estimated that it will take approximately 30 days to complete the construction and installation. This matter is being supervised by the Laboratory.

(2) First Aid Training

First Aid Training at the Seat of Government has been temporarily halted as an economy measure until July 1, 1953.

(3) Destruction of Files

The Laboratory is continuing its research and efforts to find a suitable means for mass destruction of Bureau files should this become necessary.

CC - Mr. Harbo

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Mr. A. Russell Ash
Chairman

Ad Hoc Committee on Alert Planning
Office of Defense Mobilization
Executive Office of the President
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Ash:

In accordance with the request which you made of Special Agent O. H. Bartlett of this Bureau for information concerning development of emergency operations plans, there is attached hereto a statement containing the questions asked by you and our answers.

In the event the Bureau can be of further assistance to you in keeping the President currently informed of our war plans, please feel free to call upon me.

Sincerely yours,

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EMERGENCY RELOCATION PLAN -- "SECURITY" AGENCIES

1. Q. Have all officials and employees scheduled for emergency relocation received notice as to their designation, and as to the location of alternate headquarters to which they would report in an emergency: If the total emergency force has not been notified, please advise as to the number of employees to whom such instructions have been issued, and the circumstances under which the remainder of the emergency force will receive such instructions.
 - A. Instructions have been issued to key headquarters employees concerning their duties as designated evacuees to operate relocation site facilities in the event such becomes necessary. Officials know of the site designation. Evacuees are kept informed of all evacuation plans that effect them except for the location of the site.
2. Q. What do the instructions provide with respect to circumstances under which personnel scheduled for relocation will be expected to report to emergency headquarters? (Upon receipt of notification from a designated agency official? Automatically, upon public announcement of air defense warning YELLOW or RED? Automatically, following an attack without warning? In other words, do instructions to personnel scheduled for relocation provide for automatic movement to emergency headquarters in the event of a public air raid warning, or following an attack, or is movement of such personnel to take place only when ordered by the head of the department or agency?)
 - A. Instructions have been issued to evacuees to be prepared to evacuate upon notice from their Division Supervisor. The order to evacuate will be issued by the Director of the FBI upon instructions from the President or in the absence thereof after attack which may require the Director of the FBI to evacuate without instructions from the President. No evacuation will be carried out during a period covered by either a "RED" or "YELLOW" alert.
3. Q. Have instructions for emergency action been issued to headquarters personnel who are not among those scheduled to report to emergency headquarters upon execution of the emergency relocation plan?

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A. Instructions have been issued to "stay behind" employees concerning the over-all emergency duties of the FBI in Washington, D. C. and specifically the procedure they are to follow in the event of an emergency.

4. Q. Have instructions been issued to field establishments, in the United States and elsewhere, in connection with plans for continuity of essential functions in the event of an attack emergency requiring relocation of headquarters activities?

A. Field divisional plans have been formulated for the evacuation of their operations to outlying areas in the event it becomes necessary.

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TO : MR. TOLSON *✓*

DATE: May 19, 1953

FROM : THE EXECUTIVES CONFERENCE

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The Executives Conference of May 14, 1953, consisting of Messrs. Tolson, Nichols, Belmont, Mohr, Gearty, Clegg, Rosen, Ladd, Parsons, Tracy, and Glavin, in considering War Plans recommended that the line of command in the Bureau in the event all executive officials at the Seat of Government lost their lives or were incapacitated due to an air raid or other war-time catastrophe be as follows:

1. Assistant Director E. J. Connelley (now head of Cincinnati Division)
2. Special Agent in Charge L. V. Boardman (now assigned to the New York Office)
3. Special Agent in Charge Richard B. Hood (now assigned to Washington Field Office)
4. Special Agent in Charge John F. Malone (now assigned to Los Angeles Office)
5. Special Agent in Charge F. H. McIntire (now assigned to Detroit Division)
6. Special Agent in Charge J. E. Mumford (now assigned to Dallas Division)

It was pointed out to the Conference that Mr. Connelley has previously been advised of the chain of command; however, the others have not. The Conference recommends that each of the individuals above listed be advised of their position in the Bureau's chain of command and be advised of the location of our alternate headquarters and the plans for occupying such headquarters in the event we are instructed to evacuate our headquarters in Washington, D. C. Pending approval, preparation of such a communication is being held in abeyance.

The Conference also considered the desirability of setting up an alternate field force to man our alternate headquarters in the event those who had been designated from the Washington headquarters are incapacitated or killed due to a surprise or sneak attack.

It was pointed out to the Conference that in considering this matter it was felt each of the various divisions at the Seat of Government should be requested to designate Agent personnel in the field thoroughly familiar with the activities of the particular

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divisions at the Seat of Government, and that these Agents be designated to proceed to our alternate headquarters at Shepherdstown, West Virginia, in the event of a catastrophe in Washington. The Conference was opposed to such designation at this time, it being pointed out that it would be necessary to continually bring such lists up-to-date if they were to be of any value and we would have no knowledge as to whom would or would not be available for assignment to our alternate headquarters from the field service in case catastrophe struck. The Conference does not recommend that such alternates be set up at this time.

For your information we have approximately 519 employees at the Seat of Government, both clerks and Agents, who are designated to immediately proceed to Shepherdstown, West Virginia, upon the Bureau's receiving evacuation orders. In addition thereto, we have alternates for each of the principals assigned to Shepherdstown so if a principal cannot go the alternate will be available to proceed without delay. Further, at the Seat of Government we have complete plans drawn up, these plans being kept up-to-date as to rallying points throughout the metropolitan area where Bureau employees would meet for instructions and work assignments in case of a catastrophe.

The Conference therefore feels that nothing additional needs to be done at this time.

It was also brought up at the Conference that the Conference might wish to give consideration to restaffing the Washington Field Office so that that office could handle its Detcom Program with outside Agents if a catastrophe struck and Agent personnel of the Washington Field Office were wiped out.

The Conference felt that such a happening would be unusual and the Agents would be handling regular work duty and would be scattered throughout metropolitan Washington and many would survive any sneak attack. After office hours Agents would be again scattered throughout the entire metropolitan district and the Conference feels a sufficient number of Agents would survive any sneak attack to enable the Washington Field Office to handle its responsibilities under the Detcom Program.

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F. E. J. Connelley, Assistant Director

June 8, 1953

Director, FBI

Bureau WAR PLANS - Emergency Headquarters For S.O.C.
EMERGENCY RELOCATION SITE
FOR FBI HEADQUARTERS

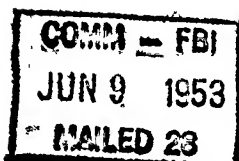
The information contained in this communication is to be held in strict confidence. No copies or parts thereof shall be made, nor is this communication to be shown to anyone without specific authority of the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

The White House has approved an emergency relocation site to provide for continuity of essential activities of the Bureau in the event of attack, or in anticipation of attack, upon the Washington, D. C., area. These plans were formulated in cooperation with the Ad Hoc (special temporary committee) Committee on Alert Planning, Executive Office of the President, Office of Defense Mobilization. This Committee also assisted in formulating plans for other key critical agencies, namely:

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The FBI together with other key critical agencies, is considered to be a sensitive function of the Government and it is the desire of the President that adequate plans be approved now to provide for:

1. Immediate emergency relocation of the FBI at a site relatively near to the President outside of the Washington area in the event of attack or in anticipation of attack;
2. That maximum consideration of emergency operations be carried forth by a limited force of key headquarters personnel designated to keep the most essential functions of the FBI in operation during the first few weeks or months of an emergency and until adequate staff and facilities can be provided.



Activation of our short-term plan will be effected by personnel working and living in the Washington area. The President desires that the emergency planning should preclude any assurance that advance warning can be given concerning the possibility of a

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CC: SAC L. V. Boardman, New York

CC: SAC R. T. Lood, Washington Field Office

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very heavy surprise attack at which time personnel working and living in Washington at the time might not be available for the adequate staffing of our relocation functions. Therefore, it is essential that planning for continuity of operations, even on a short-term emergency basis, include alternate provisions for supervisors and staffing our relocation site from FBI sources outside of Washington. The attached instructions should be fully understood in order that efficient activation can be effected by you in the event of a national emergency.

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INFORMATION CONCERNING EMERGENCY RELOCATION PLANS
FOR CONTINUITY OF ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS OF THE FBI
OUTSIDE OF WASHINGTON, D. C.

A. EMERGENCY FIELD CHAIN OF COMMAND FOR RELOCATION SITE OPERATIONS:

In the event that activation of relocation site plans by FBI officials located outside of Washington, D. C., becomes necessary the following field chain of command shall be adhered to as far as is practical under existing circumstances:

1. Assistant Director E. J. Connelley
2. Special Agent in Charge L. V. Boardman
3. Special Agent in Charge R. B. Hood - *7/2/53*

B. ACTIVATING FBI PLANS BY FIELD CHAIN OF COMMAND:

In the absence of prior notification the field chain of command, in the order mentioned above, will immediately, upon knowledge that the Washington area has been under a heavy surprise attack and destruction is wide-spread, be responsible for activating FBI relocation site plans.

C. STAFFING RELOCATION SITE

Additional Bureau personnel shall be obtained from the field divisions as replacements for key headquarters employees (519) scheduled to staff the site who as a result of a surprise attack on Washington, D. C., are unable to report for assignment to scheduled duty.

D. FBI RELOCATION PLAN

1. Site Identification:

Shepherd College, Shepherdstown, West Virginia, telephone 2241 - 3711 (see attached map depicting routes between Washington, D. C., and Shepherdstown, West Virginia)

2. Timing and Movement:

President of Shepherd College, will be telephonically advised concerning immediate need for occupation of the college in order that he can effect and arrange plans to evacuate the college staff and student body. The Assistant Director in Charge of Evacuation (W. R. Glavin) will depart immediately to coordinate setting up operations at the college.

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Chain of Command Responsibility - to effect above operation in event it becomes necessary.

3. Evacuation to Relocation Site:

Personnel scheduled to report to the relocation site for assignment to duty number 519. Material necessary for emergency operation has been designated and set aside at the Seat of Government for removal to relocation site. The relocation site is such that emergency supplies from the college stock will be available upon arrival.

Chain of Command Responsibility - additional office supplies and equipment will be obtained from other field divisions as the circumstances require.

4. Communication:

Telephone and teletype facilities are installed at the relocation site but are not connected. Radio equipment is stored at the college site and at the Newton D. Baker Veterans' Hospital, Martinsburg, West Virginia, for installation when necessary. Micro-wave terminal facilities are established in the vicinity of the site to connect with similar installations of other key critical agencies. Investigative reports affecting the nations' security will be transmitted to the relocation site over the Bureau's radio network facilities whenever and wherever wire communications are available.

Chain of Command Responsibility - qualified FBI technicians shall be obtained from other field divisions as the situation requires.

5. Vital Records:

The reproduction and dispersal of vital records (personnel fingerprints, personnel administrative data, payroll, emergency detention list) have been completed. These records are maintained under the supervision of the Special Agent in Charge of the FBI Office located at 1010 Federal Office Building, Omaha, Nebraska.

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6. General Plan of Operation at Relocation Site:

The Bureau will operate 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.
Liaison will be carried on with the [redacted]

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Special Agents regularly assigned liaison duties with these agencies will operate directly from the agencies' relocation sites in event of an emergency. This will provide for close Bureau contact with sensitive agencies of the Government.

7. Successor Designated to the Director, FBI:

C. A. Tolson, Associate Director
D. M. Ladd, Assistant to the Director
L. B. Nichols, Assistant to the Director
Thru Assistant Director at the Seat of Government (6)
E. J. Connelley, Assistant Director in Charge of Field Service, New York City
SAC L. V. Boardman, New York City
~~SAC R. B. Hood, Washington Field Office~~ - memo 7/2/53

E. APPREHENSION AND DETENTION OF PERSONS CONSIDERED POTENTIALLY DANGEROUS TO THE NATIONAL DEFENSE AND PUBLIC SAFETY OF THE UNITED STATES:

The Attorney General, by memorandum dated April 27, 1953, authorized the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation to implement the Emergency Detention Program under conditions of a surprise attack making it impossible for the President to issue a proclamation delegating appropriate authority to the Attorney General. By virtue of successor designated to the Director this authority shall repose with the Bureau official in the chain of command responsible for effectuating relocation site plans to provide for continuity of essential activities of the Bureau during an initial emergency.

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TO : Mr. Tolson ✓

DATE: 6/15/53

FROM : H. H. Clegg *MEM*SUBJECT: BUREAU WAR PLANS * EVACUATIONAuxiliary Space For S.O.G.

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This is another in a series of monthly memoranda indicating the status of items being considered in connection with evacuation plans. All items have been completed with the following exceptions:

1. Communications - construction on a communications building at the emergency evacuation center has been completed. The Motorola Company has completed the installation of the microwave equipment and is presently testing same for successful operation.

The over-all microwave circuit which will link the emergency evacuation center with other Government agencies is not complete insofar as other agencies are concerned. It is contemplated that the over-all network linking the FBI evacuation center with all other Government agencies will be completed on or about September 15th.

2. First Aid Training - First Aid training at the Seat of Government has been temporarily halted as an economy measure until July 1.

3. Destruction of files - The Laboratory is continuing its research and efforts to find a suitable means for mass destruction of Bureau files should this become necessary.

cc - Mr. Harbo

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TO : Mr. Harbo *RH*
 FROM : Mr. Conrad *ve*
 SUBJECT: MICROWAVE STATION SHEPHERDSTOWN

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Reference is made to my memo dated February 5, 1953, advising you of costs in connection with the installation of the microwave station at Shepherdstown. Included in these estimates was an item of \$500 for fencing around two guy wires of the microwave tower as a precaution against trucks hitting these guy wires. This was requested by the owners and written into the agreement between them and the Bureau.

The Armco steel building at the microwave station is of galvanized steel construction, but as an additional protection against rust the building should be painted. Painting was not included in the original contract with Motorola.

[redacted] of the tower construction company, who was in charge of the building and tower installation, submitted a verbal bid of \$220 for material and labor to paint the building and install the fencing around the two guy wires. [redacted] advises that he will be available to do this work only on the weekend of May 30, 1953.

Due to the security classification of the microwave station no other bids have been solicited for the above work but it is believed that a lower bid would be difficult to obtain.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that above oral bid in the amount of \$220 be accepted. [redacted] will be contacted by an engineer from the Radio Section and advised of the above-requested decision.

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Bureau War Plans Auxiliary Space For S.O.G.

TO: Mr. Harbo

DATE: June 19, 1953

FROM: I. W. Conrad

SUBJECT: ~~EMERGENCY CONTROL OF ELECTROMAGNETIC RADIATION~~
Conelrad

BACKGROUND Burma War Plans Auxiliary SPACE FOR S.O.G.

As you know, the Bureau has prepared a plan under the provisions of Executive Order 10312 of 12-11-51 to control radio transmission in the event of enemy attack to prevent use of radio signals for air navigation purposes by the enemy. Further, this plan was to be approved by both the Chairman of the National Security Resources Board and the Secretary of Defense. Recently the functions of the NSRB were in part transferred to the Office of Defense Mobilization. Matters relating to Conelrad were transferred at that time.

DETAILS



ACTION

Referral/Consult

For information. This matter is under consideration by the Liaison section with a view to determine if Bureau responsibilities will be met under the plan.

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cc - J. W. Brown, Room 7637

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TO : Director FBI (66-17380)
ATTENTION FBI LABORATORY

DATE: June 26, 1953

FROM : SAC Pittsburgh

SUBJECT: BUREAU WAR PLANS

WEST VIRGINIA LICENSE PLATES

EMERGENCY HEADQUARTERS FOR SOG

Rebuletts dated 11/4/52 and 12/9/52 and ourletts dated 11/21/52 and 12/22/52.

Attached hereto is 1953-54 West Virginia license plate No. 41-756 for the use of the Bureau. The fictitious registration card is being maintained in the Pittsburgh office so that a renewal plate can be obtained for the Bureau next year.

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TO : Mr. Glavin

FROM : L. J. Gauthier

DATE: June 2, 1953

SUBJECT: BUREAU WAR PLANS
KEY EMPLOYEE LIST

Auxiliary Space For S.O.G.

As you know our relocation site will be activated by key headquarters personnel whenever that becomes necessary. Our plans call for 519 employees to evacuate Washington for the relocation site to provide for continuity of essential activities of the Bureau in the event of attack or anticipation of attack upon the Washington, D. C. area.

The President desires that emergency planning provide for staffing the relocation site with alternates living outside the Washington area. In this connection the Bureau is transmitting instructions concerning the effectuating of relocation site plans to three Bureau field officials, namely: Assistant Director Connelley, SAC Boardman and SAC Hood, in the event the chain of command at headquarters is not in a position to function during an initial emergency. These officials will draw upon field personnel to assist in staffing the site as it may be necessary.

It is felt that in order to facilitate requests that may be made of the field for specialized personnel it is highly desirable that each field office have in its war plans a ready reference list of key employees having prior experience of the duties normally performed at the Seat of Government. An SAC Letter has been prepared whereby each field division will institute and keep current a list reflecting names of employees in their division having prior experience at headquarters which will serve as a ready reference in the event requests are made of them for specialized employees to be assigned to the relocation site.

RECOMMENDATION

That the attached SAC Letter go forward to the field.

Attachment

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Mr. John F. Malone
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Los Angeles, California

Dear Mr. Malone:

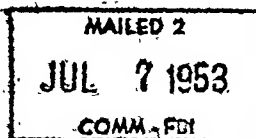
I am enclosing herewith a copy of a communication which has been addressed to Assistant Director E. J. Connelley concerning the Bureau's war plans and the emergency relocation site for the FBI headquarters.

There is also enclosed herewith a statement concerning information regarding emergency relocation plans for continuity of essential functions of the FBI outside of Washington, D. C.

For your information, you have been designated third in the chain of command in the field service replacing SAC R. B. Hood who recently resigned.

You should thoroughly familiarize yourself with the information contained in the attached documents so that in the event it becomes necessary for you to assume command you will be thoroughly familiar with the plans already perfected by the Bureau for continuity of operations of essential functions of the Bureau outside of Washington, D. C.

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Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

Enclosures

CC: Assistant Director E. J. Connelley
Philadelphia (PAC)
SAC Boardman, New York (PAC)

Mr. Clegg (PAC)

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: June 29, 1953

FROM : SAC, WFO

SUBJECT:

Bureau War PlansWAR PLANSEMERGENCY RELOCATION SITEFOR FBI HEADQUARTERSAuxiliary Space For S.O.G.

Rebulet June 8, 1953, addressed to Assistant Director E. J. CONNELLEY, copy of which was furnished WFO. The copy referred to, together with the copy of the memorandum concerning emergency relocation plans for continuity of essential functions of the FBI outside of Washington, D. C., and the map showing routes between Washington, D. C., and Shepherdstown, West Virginia, are returned to the Bureau with this communication, in view of my pending resignation. These communications have not been exhibited to any personnel of the WFO.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : THE DIRECTOR

DATE: June 8, 1953

FROM : THE EXECUTIVES CONFERENCE

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The Executives Conference of June 4, 1953, consisting of Messrs. Tolson, Tracy, Harbo, Mohr, Belmont, Ladd, Rosen, Mason, Gearity, McGuire, Holloman, and Glavin considered a suggestion submitted by Special Agent Leo J. Gauthier of the Administrative Division concerning the Bureau's War Plans. AUXILIARY SPACE FOR S.O.G.

It was pointed out in Mr. Gauthier's memorandum that our emergency evacuation plans call for 519 employees to evacuate Washington for the relocation site to provide for continuity of essential activities of the Bureau in the event of attack or anticipation of attack upon the Washington, D. C. area. He further points out that the President desires that emergency planning provide for staffing the relocation site with alternates living outside the Washington area. Mr. Gauthier pointed out in this regard the Bureau has notified Assistant Director Connelley, SAC Boardman and SAC Hood concerning the chain of command responsibilities in the event the relocation headquarters cannot be staffed by any of the members of the chain of command presently located at Washington. The chain of command is the Director, Associate Director, Assistant to the Director and Assistant Directors. The field chain of command officials would necessarily have to draw upon field personnel to assist in the staffing of the relocation site if Washington personnel were completely annihilated due to a sneak attack, bombing, or other catastrophe.

Mr. Gauthier in his memorandum states that in order to facilitate requests that may be made of the field for specialized personnel, it is highly desirable each field office have in its war plans a ready reference list of key employees having prior experience of the duties normally performed at the Seat of Government. He suggests that an SAC Letter go forward to the field instructing that each field division institute and keep current a list reflecting names of employees in their division having prior experience at headquarters which will serve as a ready reference in the event requests are made of them for specialized employees to be assigned to the relocation site. A suggested communication to the field was attached and is attached hereto.

CC: Mr. Mohr

Mr. Clegg

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Memo to the Director (continued)

The Conference with the exception of Messrs. Harbo and Glavin felt that no additional instructions need go forward to the field at this time. They pointed out that in the event officials and employees in Washington cannot man the relocation site, the appropriate officials in the field have been advised of the responsibilities of manning the relocation site and these officials, Messrs. Connelley, Boardman, and Hood, in that order are all familiar with the duties which necessarily would have to be performed and they could call upon the various divisional offices for assistance which is necessary at that time. The majority of the Conference which voted against the transmission of the suggested letter to all SACs concerning this particular matter felt that there would be a considerable waste of time and effort in keeping such a list up-to-date in the various divisional offices when in an emergency appropriately qualified persons could be secured with a minimum of difficulty from the various divisions.

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Messrs. Harbo and Glavin are of the opinion that some communication comparable to the one suggested should go forward to the field at this time. They point out that in their opinion this is a weak link in our war plans and that if every person in Washington were completely disabled through a sneak attack or bombing or otherwise, and the communications facilities in the field were disrupted, we could not conduct business as usual. These members feel that some staff should be available in the various divisional offices and the identities of those employees who could handle specialized tasks and would be urgently needed in the relocation site should be known to the Bureau. This would include Agent personnel having laboratory experience, radio technicians and operators, and other Agent and clerical personnel who have had experience at the Seat of Government and could handle work at the relocation site from the Seat of Government's point of view. Messrs. Harbo and Glavin feel that the various SACs could be advised that in case of an emergency necessitating evacuation from Washington and where the field chain of command would have to take over the relocation site, that these qualified employees be instructed to report to the official in charge of the relocation site as promptly as possible and by the quickest means of transportation then available.

Pending the Director's decision in connection with this matter, further action is being held in abeyance.

Respectfully,
For the Conference

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Clyde Tolson



United States Department of Justice
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington 25, D. C.

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(Typed June 2, 1953)

PERSONAL ATTENTION
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LETTER TO ALL SPECIAL AGENTS IN CHARGE

RE: BUREAU WAR PLANS
KEY EMPLOYEE LIST

Dear Sir:

The White House has approved an emergency relocation site to provide for continuity of essential activities of the Bureau in the event of attack or in anticipation of attack upon the Washington, D. C., area.

Activation of our relocation plans will be effected by key headquarters personnel working and living in the Washington area. The President desires that emergency planning should preclude any assurance that advance warning can be given concerning the possibility of a very heavy surprise attack at which time personnel working and living in Washington at the time might not be available for the adequate staffing of the relocation site. Therefore, it is essential that planning for continuity of operation, even on a short-term emergency basis, includes alternate provisions for supervisors and staffing our relocation site from sources outside of Washington.

With the above thought in mind, the Bureau desires that you keep current in your war plans information concerning employees assigned to your division who, as a result of past assignment at the Seat of Government, possess work experience qualifying them for assignment at the relocation site in the event staffing of the site with employees outside of Washington becomes a reality.

Specific types of Seat of Government experiences considered essential for the successful activation of the relocation site are listed as follows:

A. Special Agents

1. Domestic Intelligence
2. General Investigative
3. Records and Communication
4. Administrative
5. Identification
6. Laboratory

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ENCLOSURE

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B. Clerical Employees

1. Payroll - Voucher
2. Inventory Control
3. Radio Communications
4. Records and Files
5. Coding and Decoding

Separate lists should be maintained for Special Agents and Clerks. The form to be used is as follows:

KEY EMPLOYEES

Special Agents

<u>Name</u>	<u>Type of Experience</u>	<u>Extent of Experience</u>	<u>Proficiency</u>
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The Special Agent in Charge should be in a position to evaluate the employee's proficiency as "Excellent, Very Good, Good or Fair". The rating should be arrived at on the basis of the length of time the employee has been separated from the work at the Seat of Government and upon the individual's own confidence to utilize past experience to a degree that will insure reasonable efficiency under emergency conditions existing at the time.

Should the occasion arise when it becomes necessary for staffing the relocation site with Bureau employees from sources outside of Washington, requests for employees having certain background qualifications will be made of you by a Bureau official responsible for effectuating relocation site plans.

It is imperative that you give this matter immediate consideration and full thought in order that this phase of war planning can be satisfactorily completed and maintained on a current basis.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. GLAVIN

DATE: July 21, 1953

FROM : L.J. GAUTHIER

SUBJECT: FBI RELOCATION SITE
SEAT OF GOVERNMENTsee Bureau WAR PLANSAuxiliary Space For S.O.G.

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Pursuant to standing instructions contained in the White House communication to the Director dated September 16, 1952, stressing the necessity for maximum co-ordination of emergency operations plans of the more sensitive departments and agencies to report any modification of such plans to the President through the Chairman of the Ad Hoc Committee on Alert Planning, there is attached hereto current over-all plans directed toward providing continuity of essential functions of the Bureau at a pre-determined relocation site whenever it becomes necessary to evacuate key operations from the present facility located in Washington, D.C.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the attached plans go forward to the Chairman of the Ad Hoc Committee on Alert Planning.

Attachments

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Mr. A. Russell Ash
Chairman
Ad Hoc Committee on Alert Planning
Office of Defense Mobilization
Executive Office of the President
Washington, D. C.

Bureau War Plans Auxiliary space for S.O.G.

My dear Mr. Ash:

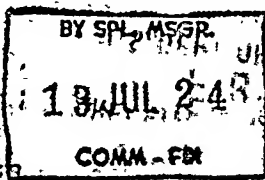
Reference is made to this Agency's basic document dated October 8, 1951, and to subsequent correspondence dated September 10, 1952, submitted to your office concerning plans for emergency relocation of essential operations in the event it becomes necessary to evacuate Washington, D. C.

There is submitted at this time complete over-all planning currently directed toward providing continuity of essential functions of this Agency at a pre-determined relocation site whenever it becomes necessary to evacuate key operations from the present facility located in Washington, D. C.

It is a pleasure to co-operate with you in this most important phase of emergency planning and if I can be of further assistance to the President and to you in this connection, please feel free to call upon me.

Sincerely,

J. Edgar Hoover



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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1. THE EMERGENCY RELOCATION SITE:

A. Name of site:

The designated emergency site is Shepherd College, Shepherdstown, West Virginia, telephone 2241 - 3711. The readiness of this site for emergency operations is considered to be 100% on a marginal basis. Pre-alert maintenance and operation of the site is not considered necessary under existing conditions. See attached chart, "Routes Between Washington, D. C. and Shepherdstown, West Virginia."

B. Local facilities:

Nearest airport - Martinsburg, West Virginia.

Nearest railroad station - Shepherdstown, West Virginia.

C. Square footage available at site:

Approximately 100,000 square feet. This is the approximate footage required by this Agency.

D. Square footage occupied in present Washington offices:

Justice Building.....	204,115
Federal Office Building No. 1	350,185
Old Post Office Building.....	45,506
9th and H Streets Building.....	46,180
TOTAL:	645,986

E. Nearest town and population figure:

Shepherdstown, West Virginia - approximately 1,000

F. To what degree site presently occupied:

The site is not now occupied, however, emergency communication equipment has been installed on a standby basis and arrangements have been made for immediate occupancy in the event evacuation of Washington is necessary.

G. Brief description of site:

Shepherd College, Shepherdstown, West Virginia, consists of 25 acres and 15 buildings containing approximately 100,000 square feet of useable space. The site is located 9 miles east of Martinsburg, West Virginia, through which passes the main line of the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad, and where a small airport is located. There are five highways converging at Shepherdstown.

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The college laboratory will offer emergency facilities for the operation of the FBI Laboratory and the balance of the facilities will be adequate temporarily for the headquarters operation of the FBI.

H. General adequacy of site:

The site is considered adequate on a temporary emergency basis. This precludes joint use with other agencies or parts of another agency during an emergency.

2. TOTAL PERSONNEL:

World-wide	13,955
Washington, D. C.	5,719

All Bureau personnel will be urgently needed to handle its very urgent internal security work and no present emergency delegation of any particular individual or groups of individuals could be made outside the Bureau during an emergency.

3. ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS FOR THE 90-DAY RELOCATION PERIOD:

The essential functions of the FBI are the investigative matters pertaining to the internal security of the country; co-ordinating of internal security matters; investigation of violations of Federal statutes over which this Bureau has primary jurisdiction. By Presidential Directive dated July 24, 1950, the Bureau is charged with receiving and correlating information relating to the above-entitled matters, and referring matters to any other Federal agency with responsibilities in the field, involving information relating to their responsibilities. By virtue of this, the Bureau's files are constantly checked by the other agencies for information, predicated on which they take action relating to national security. Under these investigative responsibilities this Bureau investigates violations of internal security matters such as sabotage, espionage, treason and other subversive activities; under the criminal investigative jurisdiction, it has the responsibility of investigating alleged violations of more than 100 Federal statutes, among which are included bank robbery, kidnaping, extortion, unlawful flight to avoid prosecution and many other statutes. The Federal Bureau of Investigation maintains an international fingerprint file containing more than 127 million sets of fingerprints which are exchanged not only between law enforcement officials of this country, but other countries. The finger-

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print files of the Bureau are also utilized as the depository of fingerprint records of Government employees, all members of the armed services, and civilian fingerprints, and other miscellaneous fingerprint records.

Under the President's Federal Security Program, this Bureau has the responsibility of checking its investigative files and technical fingerprint records insofar as all employees of the Executive Branch of the Government are concerned. It has the responsibility of conducting all investigations of employees of the Executive Branch of the Government against whom allegations of disloyalty have been made.

In addition, pursuant to provisions of Executive Order 10422, this Bureau has the responsibility of searching the names and conducting full field investigations on certain United States citizens employed by the Secretariat of the United Nations and other Public International Organizations of which the United States is a member.

The Bureau has the responsibility of conducting large numbers of investigations of individuals who are being considered for sensitive positions in the [redacted] b7E

[redacted] Also, the responsibility of conducting full field investigations of applicants for Government employment under Public Law #298 - 82nd Congress in those cases referred to this Bureau by the Civil Service Commission because of questionable loyalty on the part of applicant.

4. SUCCESSION IN OFFICE:

Name, title, address and post of duty of each designated successor to John Edgar Hoover, Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Washington, D. C.:

Clyde A. Tolson, Associate Director, Washington, D.C.
D. Milton Ladd, Assistant to the Director, Washington, D. C.

Louis B. Nichols, Assistant to the Director, Washington, D. C.

Thru six Assistant Directors at the Seat of Government

E. J. Connelley, Assistant Director, New York City
L. V. Boardman, Special Agent in Charge, New York City

John F. Malone, Special Agent in Charge, Los Angeles, California

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Presidential approval has not been sought since the chain of command will be utilized only in the event of casualties and until such time as consultation could be had for naming a permanent successor to the Director. It is unlikely that all persons enumerated would become casualties simultaneously.

Insofar as delegation of authority is concerned and the decentralization functions to the field, the FBI maintains 52 divisional offices, continental and territorial, at the present time. The Special Agents in Charge of these divisions have authority to supervise investigations conducted in their divisional territories, with assistance and supervisory advice from the Seat of Government. Instructions have been issued to the field services detailing the scope of their activities for (1) the present emergency, (2) actual warfare brought about by attack against the United States or by declaration of war, and (3) the necessity for evacuation of vital Bureau functions from Washington or any one of the various field installations.

5. TIMING AND MOVEMENT TO EMERGENCY SITE:

The President of Shepherd College will be telephonically advised concerning the immediate need for occupation of the College by this Agency in order that he can effect pre-arranged plans to evacuate the college staff and student body.

The Assistant Director in charge of evacuation will depart immediately to co-ordinate setting-up operations at the College. Emergency occupation will be effected within 3 hours after notice for evacuation has been issued. Travel time from this Agency's headquarters in Washington, D. C., to the relocation site is approximately three hours.

The head of this Agency will stay through the "red" alert during an initial surprise attack. In the event pre-determined information dictates that emergency measures be taken before attack, this Agency will follow the instructions issued by the President in connection with effecting its plans for occupation of the relocation site. It is felt by the Agency head that so long as the heads of Government remain in Washington, D. C., it is essential that he remain in view of the responsibilities of this Bureau for the internal security of the country.

In the absence of Presidential instructions, no action will be taken to effect plans to occupy the relocation site during a "yellow" alert.

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Activation of the relocation site will be effected by employees living and working outside of Washington, D. C. in the event a heavy surprise attack on the Washington area results in key headquarters employees not being available to function during an initial emergency.

6. EVACUATION TO RELOCATION SITE:

The number of personnel scheduled to report to the relocation site for assignment to duty is 519. These employees are kept informed of all evacuation plans that will affect them, except for the identification of the site.

Material necessary for emergency operation has been designated and set aside for immediate removal to the relocation site via trucks and automobiles. The relocation site is such that emergency supplies from their stock would be available upon arrival.

Evacuees will if time permits, proceed to their homes, pack and assemble at previously designated rally points for further transportation to site via Government and personally owned automobiles. Families and dependents of evacuees will not be moved to the relocation site. Arrangements have been made to provide for the needs of these individuals through designated key employees who are scheduled to remain in the headquarters area during the initial stages of war emergencies.

7. TOTAL EVACUATION OF AGENCY FROM WASHINGTON, D. C.

In the event an extended emergency exists requiring all employees (stay behinds) to evacuate Washington, D. C., existing plans make it possible to reassign these employees (approximately 5,000 to nearby relocation sites established by Bureau field divisions.

Employees are divided into geographical groups according to places of residence. In the event of an emergency, all employees at that time will be instructed concerning specific duties and regulations that are to be adhered to during the initial emergency. Subsequent instructions will be issued to employees as exigencies occur.

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8. PERSONNEL IDENTIFICATION:

Bureau personnel in the Washington area and key employees in the divisional service are issued FBI identification cards.

Due to the fact that appropriate identification cards have been issued to employees and further because of the Group Leader Plan which will serve to mobilize employees during any type of emergency, this Agency is not participating in the defense plan which calls for the registration of all Government employees in the Washington, D. C. area through the use of the U. S. Mail service. All employees will be urgently needed to perform emergency duties of an internal security nature in harmony with the Bureau's current responsibilities.

This Agency has pending a request with the District of Columbia Office of Civil Defense for the issuance of an appropriate pass which will identify Inspector [redacted] as a liaison official between this Agency and the [redacted]

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Our Counselling service will be utilized in assisting employees in distress and wherever possible, consistent with the war efforts, continuous assistance will be rendered employees by the National headquarters staff and the staff of the field offices. The full services of this Bureau's fingerprint division will be available for the identification of family members of Bureau employees as well as will the full investigative staff of the Bureau in the conduct of its emergency duties. There are no funds now available to assist employees in financial distress but whatever can be done consistent with statutes or regulations covering the expenditures of Federal funds will be done.

9. COMMUNICATIONS:

Telephone and teletype facilities are installed at the relocation site but are not connected. Radio equipment is stored at the college site and at the Newton D. Baker Veterans' Hospital, Martinsburg, West Virginia, for immediate installation when necessary. Micro-wave terminal facilities are established in the vicinity of the site to connect with similar installations of other key critical agencies. Investigative matters affecting the nation's security will be transmitted to the relocation site over the Bureau's radio network facilities whenever and wherever wire communications are unavailable.

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In addition, an emergency radio telegraph system is available between Washington and the various field divisions as reflected in the attached chart, "FBI Radio Communications Network."

At certain of the larger field divisions, 250 watt FM voice radio stations have been installed to provide communications for the control of investigative operations within the respective metropolitan areas. See attached chart, "Installed and Approved FM 250 Watt Radio Station Systems."

This Agency also has in operation a teletype system between field divisions and headquarters in Washington, D. C. See attached chart "FBI Teletype Network."

Working arrangements have been completed with telephone companies to facilitate land communications. Utilization of Western Union facilities are not contemplated at present.

Code books and cipher pads of FBI design and enciphering machines will be utilized during an emergency.

10. ALERT, SHELTER, FIRST AID TRAINING:

A. Alert:

If the alert is sounded during the evening or night hours, certain designated key personnel have been directed to report to their posts of duty for the handling of assigned duties, the scope of which depends upon the degree of devastation by attack. Arrangements have been perfected with the telephone company to maintain service for key personnel so long as such service is not eliminated by direct hits from enemy activity. Alternate routes for transportation to the relocation site have been selected and absolutely essential records, supplies, and equipment have been designated for evacuation, and will be transported wherever possible in automotive equipment immediately available to this Bureau.

All stay behind personnel will remain at their residences, arrangements having been perfected on a group leader basis to insure that employees in various areas of the metropolitan Washington area will have knowledge of the identity of the individual to whom they are to report.

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B. Shelter:

Practice air raid drills are held periodically in all space occupied by this Bureau. If alert is sounded during regular working hours, all but essential protective personnel will proceed immediately to designated shelter areas where they will remain until safe dispersal can be effected.

C. First Aid Training:

Red Cross instructions in first aid are being made available to employees assigned at the Seat of Government and divisional facilities.

11. TRANSPORTATION:

This Agency has available equipment sufficient to transport essential employees to emergency sites. Government-owned equipment of this Bureau as well as personally owned cars will be available for emergency use.

12. VITAL RECORD REPRODUCTION AND DISPERSAL:

The reproduction and dispersal of vital records have been completed. These records are maintained under the supervision of the Special Agent in Charge of the FBI Division located at 1010 Federal Office Building, Omaha, Nebraska.

13. SECURITY:

Regular security patrols are now utilized in all FBI offices in Washington and the field. These patrols will be strengthened at Washington in the event of war and will be utilized at the relocation site if evacuation becomes necessary.

14. ADMINISTRATION, SUPPLY, AND EQUIPMENT:

The stockpiling of supplies and equipment is not anticipated and operation at the relocation site will be of an emergency nature, utilizing the equipment available at the site. Sufficient clerical and stenographic personnel have been included in the number to be evacuated in order that emergency operation will proceed without delay. No personnel will be hired at the relocation site but emergency purchases of supplies are anticipated. The site is

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so located that emergency supplies can be secured from divisional offices or sub offices in the areas not too distant from the site. Emergency supplies can be transmitted from this Bureau's divisional service to Shepherdstown by the time the emergency staff from Washington could proceed from Washington to Shepherdstown to perform the necessary duties. Considerable supplies and equipment are available at the site at this time and would, of course, be available to us.

Emergency buying and payment of personnel, not being moved to the relocation site will depend upon usual available facilities for such purposes and the General Services Administration and Treasury Department plans will be adopted for these phases of activity. In the event the services of the General Services Administration become unavailable, this Bureau will have at the emergency site sufficient qualified personnel to handle any emergency buying or requisitioning of supplies or equipment needed. Insofar as payment of personnel is concerned, it will be necessary that this Bureau abide by regulations issued by the Treasury Department in this particular instance scrip payment, if necessary, redeemable by the Treasury Department upon demand could be utilized.

15. OPERATIONS

This Bureau will operate 24 hours a day, 7 days a week on a continuing basis until such time as this schedule could be altered without endangering the Nation's security. Instructions have been issued to place such operation into immediate effect in the event of a national emergency.

Liaison will be necessary with the [redacted]

[redacted] and with other key government agencies on a continuous basis. Liaison with all other agencies of the government will be necessary from time to time on a noncritical basis.

Investigative information concerning the Nation's security from divisional facilities will be immediately directed to the relocation site via FBI communication network.

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16. PUBLIC RELATIONS:

An official of the Bureau has been designated to handle public relations matters if the Bureau is unable to operate as usual through the present office of the Department of Justice.

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TO : Mr. Tolson *for*

DATE: 8/13/53

FROM : H. H. Clegg *for*SUBJECT: BUREAU WAR PLANS AUXILIARY SPACE FOR S.O.G. EVACUATION

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The Bureau's war plans have been completed with the exception of the following matters:

1. Communications

The FBI link of the microwave setup, which will eventually link the Bureau with other sensitive agencies, has been completed; and test runs from the radio station itself have been made. However, there is at this time no cable connecting the radio station at Shepherdstown with Shepherd College. The laboratory is at this time preparing recommendations for this hookup.

2. First-Aid Training

The Executives Conference on 8/3/53 postponed first-aid training until 10/1/53.

3. Destruction of Files

The FBI Laboratory has not as yet found suitable means of mass destruction of Bureau files. It is continuing its research in this matter.

cc: Mr. Harbo

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TO: Director, FBI
 FROM: SAC, Pittsburgh (100-10201)

DATE: 8-17-53

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SUBJECT: WAR PLANS Auxiliary SPACE FOR S.O.G.
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Remyairtel 12-1-52 concerning property located in the vicinity of Shepherdstown, W. Va.

Attached is a clipping from the Martinsburg Journal, Martinsburg, W. Va., August 11, 1953, issue. The article concerns a "great field of giant poles, 150 feet high, which is spring up" in the vicinity of Shepherdstown.

This is being furnished to the Bureau as a matter of information in view of the previous inquiry conducted by this office in that area.

Enclosure

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Towering Pole Arouses Interest Shepherdstown-Antietam Area

SHEPHERDSTOWN, Aug. 11 — A great field of giant poles, 150 feet high, which is springing up in this area and around Antietam, Md., just across the Potomac from here, is creating much interest but it seems impossible to pin down the plan back of the pattern of towers.

Workmen have been in this area for weeks erecting the poles, but they are totally uncommunicative other than to say they were sent here to help set them.

The same bareness of information covers the Maryland operations.

It seems certain, however, from what can be gathered that the project has something to do with the top-secret "underground Pentagon" now abuilding in Raven Rock Mountain a few miles north of Hagerstown, Md., in Pennsylvania. But the Government doesn't say just what the connection is.

Published local rumor has it that the pole project near the Antietam Battlefield is a giant radio receiving point and a similar project in nearby Pennsylvania, will contain the radio transmitter facilities.

The poles, which are 15 stories above ground, actually are two poles spliced together. Workmen spent several months erecting them and guying them in place in the form of a mammoth cross.

As a site for the poles, the Government some months ago bought up seven Washington county (Md.) farms.

Already revealed is the fact that a three-story structure is just about completed deep inside solid rock of Raven Rock Mountain. This largest man-made rock cave in the world presumably would become the new Armed Forces' brain center in case the Washing-

ton Pentagon were knocked out by atom bombs.

Personnel to operate this "joint supplemental communications facility" continues to arrive at nearby Fort Ritchie, d.

All phases of the project are expected to cost 35 million dollars.

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